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PAI ASKED TO TAKE OVER PREMIERSHIP Chiang Sends Emissaries On Persuasion Mission YEN WANTS TO QUIT

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has requested General Pai Chung-hsi to assume the Premiership of Nationalist China and also the post of Defence Minister, the "China Mail" learned from arrivals from Taiwan last night.

Burma To Recognise Peking

Calcutta, December 16.—Burma has decided to recognise the Communist China, the Burmese Foreign Minister, U S Maung said here today.

The Minister said that an official announcement was expected from Rangoon tomorrow.—Reuter.

Report Of PI Alliance With KMT Denied

Manila, December 16.—A Malacanang Palace spokesman today flatly denied that the Philippines was entering into a military alliance with the Chinese Nationalists as indicated in a Taiwan despatch.

The spokesman acknowledged that the Chinese Ambassador, Chen Chih-ping, conferred with President Quirino recently but said they did not talk about a military alliance.

He pointed out that Philippine military forces were small and used primarily to preserve internal order. He emphasized that this government was not anxious to antagonize the Chinese Communists.

The Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Felipe Neri, said that reports of a military alliance being planned between the Chinese Nationalist government and the Philippines are "fantastic."

Refuge For Gov't

An authoritative source said President Quirino's Council of State yesterday discussed the matter of giving the Nationalist government refuge if it was forced to flee Taiwan and decided that the Philippines should discourage the establishment of a refugee government in this country in order to avoid involving the Philippines in the China conflict.

Another government official said: "Our armed forces cannot even handle Moros on Jolo let alone fight the Chinese Reds."

Meanwhile a Chinese Nationalist transport plane which landed at Clark Air Base yesterday was still grounded there by the United States Air Force while American and Filipino diplomatic officials slide how to handle the case.

The plane, en route from Hainan to Formosa, with 30 persons aboard, landed at Clark Field without getting advance permission. The crew said the plane got lost.—United Press.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) a belt of high pressure extends from SE of Japan to the lower Yangtze. A trough of low pressure is moving SE across NE China and the Gulf of Pechili.

Today's Forecast:—Light or moderate NE winds, cloudy, occasional drizzle. Some fair periods.

Yesterday's Weather:—
Maximum: 64.0 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 50.0 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 67 hours 55 min.
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High: 10.10, 22.10, 4.10, 16.10.
Low: 1.10, 13.10, 19.10, 21.10.

The arrivals of former Government officials said that Ku Ching-ting and Liu Wen-to, the Generalissimo's two special emissaries have arrived at Hoihow to persuade General Pai to take up the two posts.

The present Premier and Defence Minister is Marshal Yen Hsi-shan who has repeatedly requested to be relieved of his duties on account of his ill-health.

Known formerly as China's best military strategist, General Pai was Commander-in-Chief of Central China when the Communists crossed the Yangtze in April last.

He steadily withdrew his troops to Western Kwangsi where today some 20,000 are trapped near the India-China border. Some 20,000 remain to be evacuated from Luchow Peninsula to Hainan Island.

The bulk of his armies however, have already arrived on Hainan Island. Other units have been sent to the hills to wage guerrilla warfare.

Veracruz Press reports from Hoihow yesterday quoted military sources confirming General Pai's decision to save 20,000 of his men by agreeing to have them formed into a Vietnam Volunteer Army on Indo-Chinese territory. They will be used to prevent the Chinese Communists from joining up with the Vietnam Communists.

The reports said that the Volunteer Army will be under the command of a Kuomintang leader in Vietnam with whom General Pai has already completed arrangements.

Appointment Of K.C. Wu

Taiwan enters a new administrative era with the appointment of Mr. K. C. Wu, former Mayor of Shanghai, as the island's Governor, adds a Reuter despatch from Taipei.

It is an era which will see the introduction of measures intended not only to achieve a united anti-Communist front but also the improved welfare of the people including the implementation of social insurance for labour and further constructive land reform provisions.

Mr. Wu's appointment was a sudden one and the first reaction among competent observers and the island's intelligentsia is that the ex-Mayor's selection is a prelude to general streamlining of the Government organization.

Mr. Wu succeeds General Chen who will now devote his entire attention to directing the war as Nationalist China's South East Commander.

Invasion Attempt

Expected

The Communist amphibious assault from the mainland "may be made at any time" General Sun Li-jen, commanding Taiwan's ground defenses, said, according to a United Press report from Taipei.

General Sun said the Communists were massing and training men in amphibious landing operations with the assistance of Russian staff and field advisers. He said the Chinese Communists, captured on Kinmen Island, talked freely about Russian advisers not only at the staff level but in the field as well.

This was particularly true, he added, of artillery and amphibious training. The general, who led the Chinese First Army in Burma in World War II, was confident that his troops would hurl any Communist invaders back into the sea.

Alleged Massacre In Chungking

The Chinese Communists claimed that the Nationalists killed more than 500 political prisoners before they gave up Chungking on November 30, states an Associated Press report. Most prominent victim was said by the Peking radio station to have been General Yang Hu-cheng.

General Yang was pacification Commissioner of Shensi province in 1938 when he helped "Young Marshal" Chiang Hsueh Liang kidnap Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and persuaded him to form a united front with the Communists to fight the Japanese.

General Yang Hu-cheng has been held prisoner since then, and the Young Marshal still detained at an estate on Taiwan near the town of Hainan.

The broadcast, heard in San Francisco by the Associated Press, said General Yang and his family were among "more than 500 political prisoners massacred by the Nationalists in Chungking."

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"Powerful Friends" Will Aid HK Defence

San Francisco, December 15.—British official predicted today that "Britain's many powerful friends" would come to her aid if the Chinese Communists attempted force against Hong Kong.

Mr. John M. L. Mitcheson, new British Consul-General here, added: "The existence of Hong Kong as a bridgehead into a Communist regime in China is a factor that cannot be overlooked."

He did not amplify on "Britain's many powerful friends"—Associated Press.

Reds To Invade Taiwan, Lung Yun Declares

The Communist People's Liberation Armies will invade Taiwan regardless of the cost, said General Lung Yun, Deputy in the Communist People's Central Government, yesterday.

The former Governor of Yunnan Province added in an interview with the independent vernacular "Wah Kiu Yat Po," that the position of the Nationalists is hopeless as the United States has no sincere wish to help them.

The turning over to the People's Central Government by General Lu Han (present Governor of the Province) is not thorough, said General Lung. One of the flaws, he pointed out, is the release of Nationalist General Chiang Chun.

"This is a blundering move on General Lu Han's part and may lead to complications," said General Lung. He did not elaborate on the possible complications.

He added that some minor incidents may occur in Yunnan as a result of Lu Han's defection to the Communists. Such incidents, he said, will not affect the situation and there would be no need to be concerned if they do happen.

The King Visits Bible Society



King George examines a Korean Bible during a visit to the London headquarters of the British and Foreign Bible Society. These Bibles are the thickest printed by the Society. They take more pages owing to the large size of Korean letters. The Society sends thousands of Bibles to its missions in all parts of the world.—A.P. Photo.

Sabotage Of CAT Planes At Kai Tak

Three persons were arrested by the police when more than 100 Chinese flying and ground personnel of the Civil Air Transport attempted to sabotage two CAT aircraft yesterday morning.

Two of them were alleged to have trespassed at Kai Tak airport and the third was alleged to have caused some damage to the CAT aircraft.

The police also detained two more persons for questioning. The arrests were result of an incident which occurred at the Kai Tak airport yesterday morning when the Chinese CAT personnel surrounded two CAT aircraft which were about to leave for Taiwan.

Major-General Claire L. Chennault, head of CAT, was in one of the planes. He later left Taipei when the incident ended.

According to the vernacular "New Life Evening Post" yesterday, the Chinese personnel who were dismissed by CAT, made three demands to General Chennault prior to the latter's departure.

The demands were: If local Chinese employees were to be transferred to Taiwan, CAT should provide the staff with a security fee.

In case the transferred employees are being discharged at Taiwan, CAT should provide them with return transportation to the Colony.

CAT should furnish Chinese staff members who are being ordered to go to Taiwan with passports in order that their return to the Colony will not be hindered.

CAT Statement

Last night an official of CAT said that except the security fee demand, CAT has already indicated to its Chinese staff that CAT will provide facilities for their return to the Colony.

He said the dollar gap was "being progressively reduced as the drive to increase direct and indirect dollar earnings gathered momentum" and added: "Thanks to generous assistance from the governments and peoples of the United States and Canada together with the continued effort of my people, there was every reason to believe that the gap would be closed."

His Majesty described the signature of the Atlantic Pact as "an outstanding event" and declared "I am convinced that this treaty will be a powerful aid to the preservation of peace and defence of freedom." He noted that Britain and the others of the five-power Brussels Treaty "have strengthened and developed the various organizations set up by

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Responsibilities Of Troops In Hong Kong Mentioned In The King's Address

London, December 16.

His Majesty, King George VI, in his speech today giving Royal assent to reduction in the historic veto power of the House of Lords from two years to one, noted that British troops "continue to bear throughout the world heavy responsibilities in maintaining order and preserving peace."

He specified Hong Kong and Malaya as strong points being held by British troops.

The Royal assent—a formality—completed one of the major objectives of the Labour government. The King's speech was read for him in both the House of Lords and the House of Commons.

The action ended long and bitter fight between the Labour government, which controls the House of Commons, and the Conservative Party, which controls the House of Lords. The Commons are an elected body. The Lords are an appointed and hereditary body.

Until now the House of Lords was able to delay for two years legislation approved by the House of Commons. Henceforth it will be one year.

This so-called Parliamentary Bill was originally introduced by the Labourites so they could enact the Iron and Steel Nationalisation Bill before the 1950 general elections. But a compromise between the House of Commons and the House of Lords on the implementation date of iron and steel nationalisation made a Parliament bill unnecessary in that case.

The Iron and Steel Bill was finally enacted under a compromise with the Lords. But it will be a major election issue because the government will not actually take over the plants until after the elections.

This session of Parliament ends today. It will probably be called back on January 24 for the final session before the elections.

The King did not attend today's session. His speech announcing his assent to the bills approved by Parliament was read in the House of Commons by Speaker Clifton Brown and to the House of Lords by Lord Chancellor Jowitt.

The India Bill

The King also gave his assent to the India Bill which preserves rights as a member of the Commonwealth and as British subjects for India and her citizens although the nation is a republic.

His Majesty noted that the lengthy Parliamentary session had been "marked by continuance of the economic difficulties with which we had confronted since the end of the war. Fortunately there is work for all and through the sustained efforts of my people a notable increase in production has been achieved."

"I pray that under the guidance of Almighty God we shall overcome the difficulties that still beset us and reach the goal of a stable and prosperous economy."

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Telephone Co. Workers' Strike Threat

The workmen of the Hong Kong Telephone Company Limited at a general meeting held in the Chinese Workers' Union headquarters late last night decided to deliver another letter to the company on Monday next, December 18, with a strongly worded demand for increase in high cost of living allowance.

A resolution was passed to the effect that should this go unheeded, the workers will deliver a strike ultimatum to the Telephone Company.

Power Strike Threatens To Spread

London, December 16.

The four-day-old wildcat strike of a few London power workers threatened to spread into an official walk-out of all workers in electricity generating plants in London, Leeds and Liverpool today because the British Labour government refused to meet the strikers' conditions for returning to work.

London was little affected by the strike of 1,200 men at three small power plants this morning but the city and large areas of industrial North-Eastern England were faced with "serious power cuts and possible black-out" unless the Government backed down by early afternoon.

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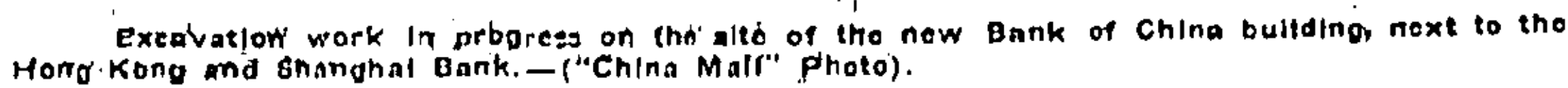
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Talk on Day and Evening
by Mrs. J. Simard, 8:00 p.m.

Nine Dancers' Service Club, 7:00
held for Servicemen 8 p.m.

MONDAY

A Children's Christmas Party will be given at the Little Flower Club, King's Park, on Sunday afternoon.

before you, I do not feel it my duty to comment. I now certainly feel at liberty to say that I viewed with horror the delay and uncertainty that would have been caused had this platform been rejected and sent back for further consideration.



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The approximate average depth of water is on the West Berth 10.66 ft. and on the East Berth 11.81 ft.

2) V.P.P. No. 18—Opp. Hillier St., Connaught Rd. Central. A timber structure approximately 198'-0" long by 30'-0" wide.

The approximate average depth of water is 17.27 ft. on the West Berth and 15.22 ft. on the East Berth.

3) V.P.P. No. 19—Opp. M.L. 3, 15/17, Connaught Rd. West. A timber structure approximately 201'-9" long by 20'-0" wide.

The approximate average depth of water is 19.27 ft. on the West Berth and 17.81 ft. on the East Berth.

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Further particulars can be obtained from the Port Works Office, P.W.D., Lower Albert Road.

Tenders in triplicate clearly marked "Tender for Piers" must be lodged with the Chairman of the Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, Lower Albert Road under sealed cover not later than noon on Wednesday, December 21, 1949.

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HK Delegation To ILO Conference

Hong Kong is sending a tri-partite delegation to the second Asian Regional Conference of the International Labour Organisation in Ceylon next month.

Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, Commissioner of Labour, said at a Press conference yesterday that the delegation will comprise representatives of Government, employers and labour, each of whom will speak for itself.

Mr. Hawkins explained that he had a meeting with 111 trade unions in the Colony on the matter. Each union had more than 250 members registered in it.

The ILO, the speaker stated, was formed in 1919 and resulted from the League of Nations. The ILO itself has conducted approximately 32 conferences.

As for its Asian Regional Conference, the present one to be held in Ceylon will be the second. The first was held at Calcutta in 1947. At that meeting, Hong Kong did not send a delegation although it sent an officer as an observer.

It was later decided however, that the Colony should send a full delegation to the next conference.

Expenses Paid

Disclosing that the delegation was to be on a tripartite basis, Mr. Hawkins said that though the men would all go together as a delegation, each party representing Government, employers, and labour, would be on its own at the conference.

The Commissioner of Labour stated that he had already asked the 111 trade unions to nominate the labour delegates themselves. The actual appointment of the delegates would be made by Government.

The conference in Ceylon takes place on January 16 next year, and will last to January 23.

He had asked the labour leaders to make the necessary nominations by Tuesday next, Mr. Hawkins added. The expenses for the trip will be paid by Government. Each delegation will be provided with a free return air passage and will have their hotel bills in Ceylon paid. In addition, each man will be given \$8 a day as allowance.

The Agenda

Replying to a question, Mr. Hawkins revealed that most probably Major Chinniv, Labour Officer, will head the party representing Government, though he was not sure of this as yet.

Asked about the agenda at the Asia Regional Conference, Mr. Hawkins said that as far as he could ascertain off-hand, the agenda contained a discussion of the report of the Director-General of the ILO, an item regarding the inspection of factories in Eastern countries, welfare measures for workers, an item in connection with co-operative movements of the ILO, and matters on agricultural labour.

The Commissioner added that two appointed advisors might accompany the delegation, but these would have to pay their own passage.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

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Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

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The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and payable at the Gate.

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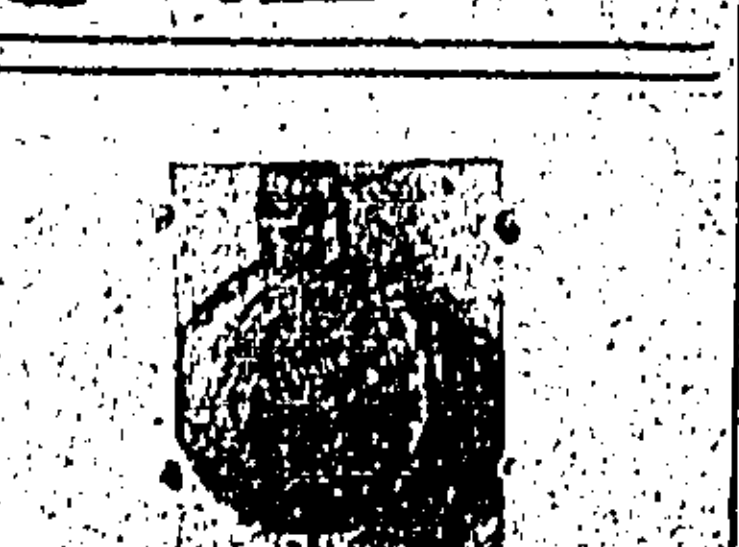
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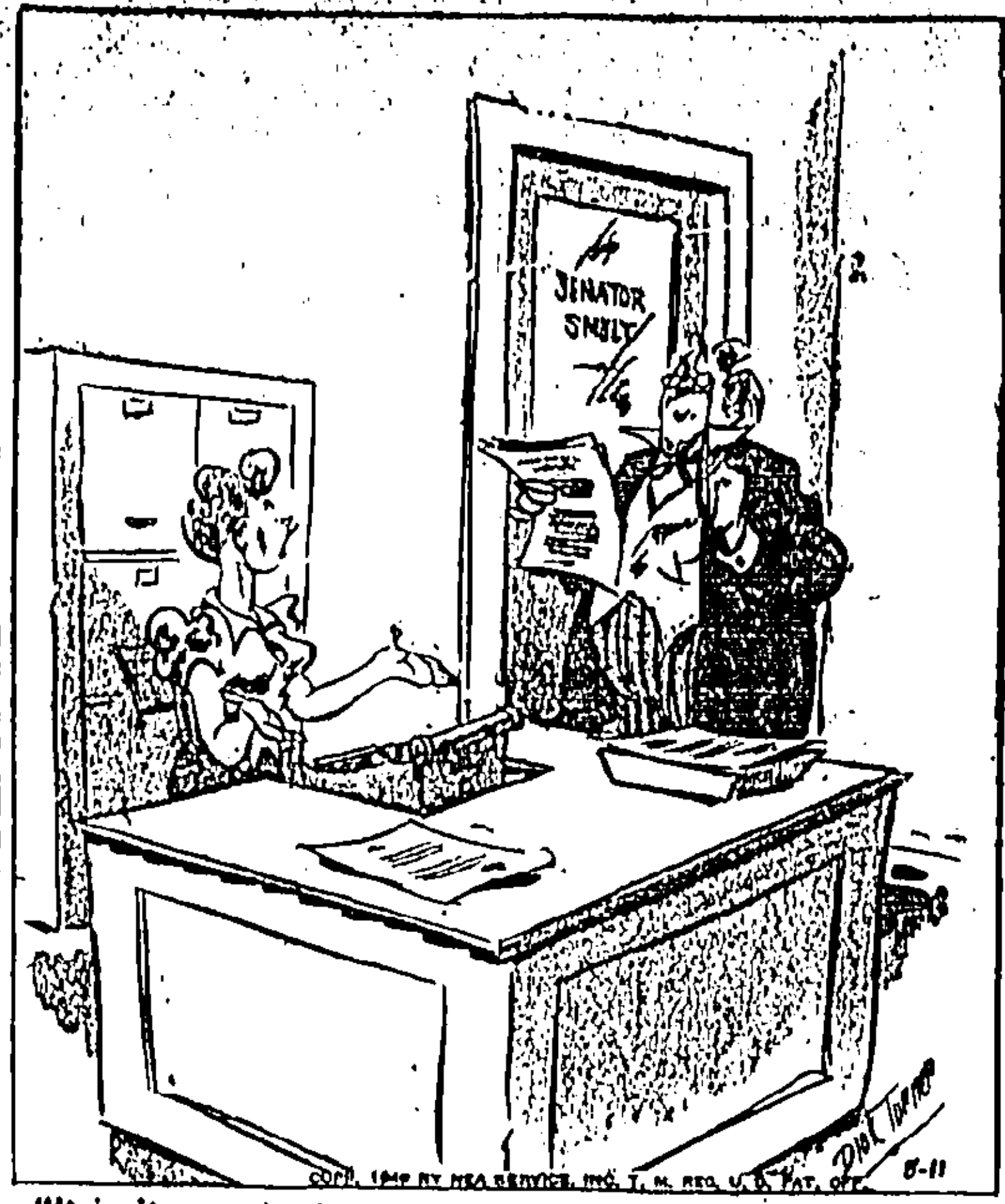
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Eschewing the risk of the trump finesse, he laid down the spade A and K hoping to tell the Q, and did. The J cleared the suit, then four hearts brought a discard of dummy's last two clubs. South then ruffed his own last one. Now he didn't care if he lost two more diamonds to East, as they made only the third trick for the defence and the spade 8 remained to ruff the final trick to make game.

Tomorrow's Problem

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H 10
D J
C J 10 6 2

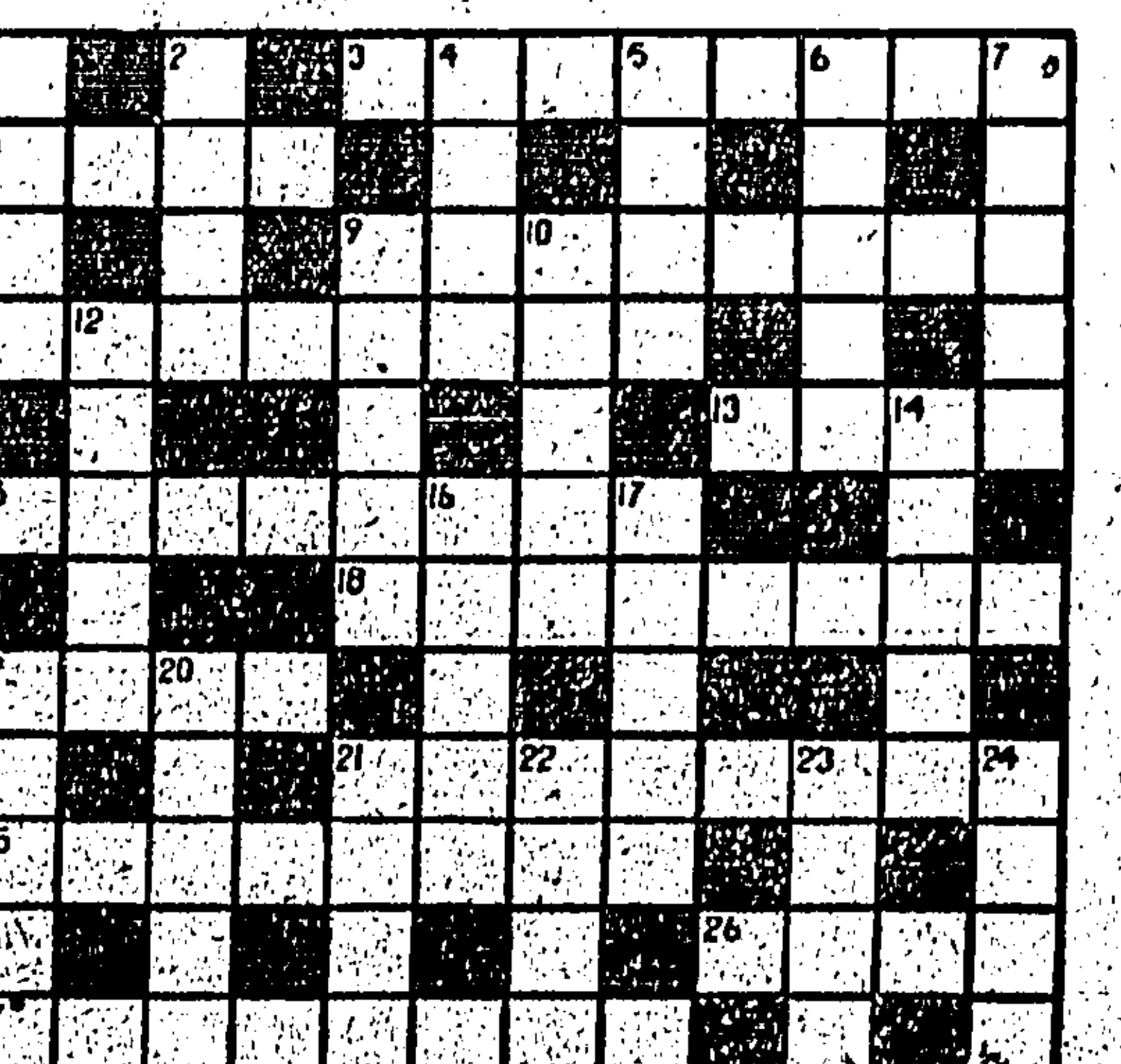
S Q 4 3
H 9 4
D K 7 6
C 5 3 2

S A K J
H A K Q 10 5
D A 4
C A Q 8

(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable).

When West led the diamond 10, South placed all three missing honours with East. If the latter had only the honours, he would have to win the trick and wouldn't dare lead the suit back with the K in dummy. So South played low and East had to win with the J. Trying to put West back for another diamond lead, East used the club 2. But South came in with the A, then went all out to prevent West from getting the lead soon.

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Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1 Cherub. 4 Parcs. 7 Elegance. 8 Route. 9 Muddle. 11 Radiate. 13 Dismiss. 15 Intent. 16 Basis. 19 Animator. 20 Eerie. 21 Entrance. DOWN—1 Cream. 2 Ridd. 3 Banter. 4 Peccod. 5 Regulate. 6 Sphere. 10 Disaster. 12 Asinino. 13 Debate. 14 Insane. 16 Trail. 17 Taste.

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Bonn, December 15.

Under the Marshall Aid bilateral pact signed between Western Germany and America here today, five per cent of ECA counterpart funds will be made available to the U.S. Government for administrative expenses in Germany, including the stockpiling of critical materials. The balance of the account will be used to promote the economic recovery and financial stability of Germany and for projects to be agreed upon between the two countries.

Under the agreement aid will be made available to Western Berlin by the West German Government.

Italian Strike A Failure

Rome, December 15.
It is officially estimated that only a third of 1,000,000 State workers today answered the call of the Italian non-Communist and Communist unions for a 24-hour strike but the response varied greatly from one service to another.

At the office of statistics, 93 per cent of the staff were absent. At the Ministry of Justice only one per cent did not report for duty.

The strike call was made while the Senate was debating a Government plan to meet the demands of the unions for higher wages.

The Senate had been expected to vote on the plan last night but postponed a decision to give more speakers a chance.

The Treasury and Finance Ministry opposed the plan.

Postal services stopped completely and almost all social services were affected. Public transport ran normally.

Government circles think that the poor response to the strike call means that the workers had noticed a certain Senate sympathy to the demand of civil

servants and did not want to pre-judge their chances of more pay by an all-partying strike.

In Rome about 6,000 strikers met at the Coliseum to hear speakers call on the Government to grant these more than justified claims by admittedly underpaid workers.

The strike was called after a break-down of wage talks between the Government and the unions.—Reuter.

UN Decision Due To Vatican, Say Left-Wing Papers

London, December 15.

Left-wing British weekly reviews today attributed the United Nations decision to place Jerusalem under international control to the influence of the Vatican.

The weekly "New Statesman" said that the only sufficient explanation of Latin American, Australian, French, and Belgian support for international control was the Vatican view that no true Catholic could permit that sovereignty in Jerusalem should be shared by Jews.

The Soviet Union had supported it to create the maximum trouble because it was now clear that Israel Socialism was staunchly anti-Communist.

The "New Statesman" added: "The task of clearing up the mess may be left to the traditional method of power politics."

It was confident that a peace treaty and possibly even a treaty of alliance could be negotiated between the Israeli and Jordan on the basis of existing frontiers with minor modifications in Jerusalem itself.

But Britain and American lacked a policy and the situation stagnated with only Russian policy standing to gain.

The Left-wing "Tribune" commented similarly and suggested that Britain should press strongly for a compromise that only the old walled city of Jerusalem should be turned into an international enclave.

The Arab inhabitants would be moved from dirty and overcrowded slums to a new modern suburb built with international financial aid, the "Tribune" said.

The Conservative weekly "Spectator" wrote that it was difficult to believe that the United Nations could allow the challenge of the Israeli Government to moving to Jerusalem to go unchallenged.

The Trusteeship Council would pay attention to local wishes as well as to world opinion but threats it cannot be expected to consider.

The "Spectator" added, "It will be a tragic mistake if Zionists behave as though they alone enjoyed a monopoly of religious feeling and equally tragic if they are allowed to defy the United Nations with impunity."—Reuter.

Asmara Calm After Terrorism

Asmara, December 15.

Asmara was calm today after the renewed wave of terrorism which on Monday struck the centre of the town for the first time.

The arrest of the leaders of the Eritrean Unionist Party—which wants union with Ethiopia—was succeeded by an atmosphere of reassurance among Italian residents.

The return from Lake Success of a delegation of the Nationalist Independence Bloc was marked by Monday's outbreak of violence. Bombs were thrown at three prominent Independents, but failed to explode.

A grenade also fell outside the British Information Office in the Via Lorentino, but was probably not intended for it, according to observers here. They presume the intention of the terrorists was to attack Italian shops and banks in the street.

The authorities imposed a curfew and suspended all independent Party newspapers. After an investigation of the incidents by the police, six Unionist leaders were arrested with four other Eritreans. Their names have not been announced.

Political terrorism was manifested again when the farm of an Italian, Feriandi Silvio, 35 miles from here, was attacked yesterday by armed Shitta-Ethiopian terrorists. Beating off their attack, he shot three of them dead before the others withdrew.—Reuter.

Resistance in Hungary Seen

Vienna, December 15.

According to a pamphlet circulated by Hungarian refugees in Austria, a "National Council of Hungarian Free Trade Unions" has been formed secretly somewhere in Hungary with the task of organising the struggle of the Hungarian working classes against the dictatorship of Moscow.

The Council has issued a proclamation to the peoples of the free world describing the terrorist methods by which the Communists seek to make the inhabitants into slaves of a State capitalist system.

The appeal described Hungary as a country whose frontiers resemble prison walls.—Reuter.

FRENCH DENIAL

Paris, December 15.

A French Foreign Office spokesman today discredited reports from Hong Kong that two Chinese Nationalist armies were about to join the Vietnamese Army as volunteers.

"The report is totally unlikely," the spokesman said. "We know that there are already 10,000 such troops in Vietnam and that more are crossing the border daily. But there is absolutely no question of incorporating them as volunteers in the French and Vietnamese forces."—Reuter.

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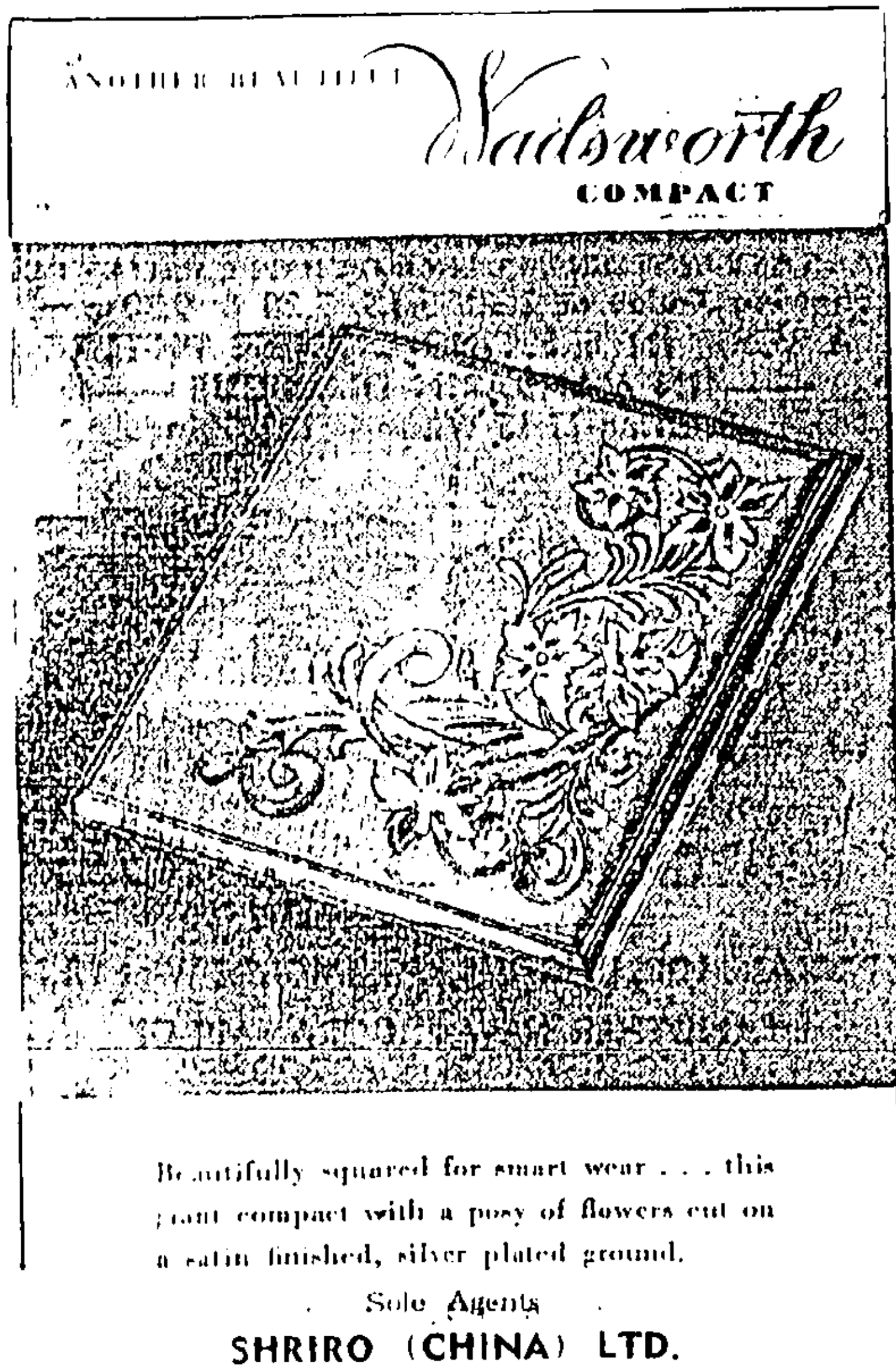
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Restrictions To Save Dollars

New York, December 15. The recent Philippine import restrictions are primarily intended to conserve dollars, Mr. Patten D. Allen, Commercial Attaché of the American Embassy in Manila, told New York Foreign traders today.

The restrictions have been sharply attacked by some American businessmen. Mr. Allen said the government had been forced to take action in the matter of imports because exports will take time to develop whereas the discrepancy between imports and exports is accumulating in the present.

Besides conserving dollars, the measures are designed to further two additional objectives "which reflect the normal aspirations of a new country," Mr. Allen told the Commercial and Industry Association of New York.

"One was to conserve the import control to protect local industries including local enterprises of foreign ownership," he said. "The second was to encourage Filipino nationals to assume a larger part in the country's import trade."

If the government had taken action to protect local industries, the day would have come, and soon, when imports would have been reduced by the natural process of exhausted dollar reserves.

The Philippine government is determined to keep intact a reserve of dollars to pay for imported machinery and other capital goods required for the country's rehabilitation and the progress of its industries," Mr. Allen said.—Associated Press.

NEW OINTMENT FOR BURNS

Detroit, December 15. A proven ointment for burns, made from freshly killed beef, was today reported to have been used successfully on 500 patients at a children's hospital here.

The ointment, called Epithene, was developed by a Detroit physician, Dr. Chase. It has been used in clinical tests here since its discovery was reported to the medical profession about seven years ago.

Dr. C. N. Weller, of Wayne University Medical College, said that the preparation had been found excellent for treating children's burns.—Reuter.

Berlin, December 15.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, was today reported to have told leading East German politicians that Russia would only take steps to form an East German army if an armed force was established in West Germany.

German sources claiming close contact with the Soviet Control Commission said that Mr. Vyshinsky, who is visiting Berlin on his way back to Moscow from Lake Success, had a long conference with Herr Wilhelm Pieck, President of the East German Republic, and Herr Walter Ulbricht, East German Deputy Premier. Both are veteran Moscow-trained Communists.

Kashmir Premier On U.S. Visit

New York, December 15. Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah, Prime Minister of Kashmir, arrived at International Airport today from London to take part in the Security Council hearing, opening Saturday, on the Indo-Pakistani dispute over Kashmir.

At an airport press conference, he called for the withdrawal of Pakistani troops from Kashmir and laying down of arms by Azad troops before a plebiscite is held to determine whether the people of Kashmir wish to accede to either India or Pakistan.

He added that the Indian troops were in Kashmir on legal and moral grounds since the Maharajah of Kashmir had legally acceded his state to India in 1947.

He declared that the Pakistani troops in Kashmir were aggressors and called the Azad troops rebels. He added that, to ask India to withdraw her troops from Kashmir would jeopardize the security of the state.

"We promise the rebel troops there will be no retaliation against them if they lay down their arms and submit to legal authority," he continued. "Once there is peace and tranquillity in the country, the question of accession to India or Pakistan will be laid before the people."

Asked if the Indian troops might be persuaded to withdraw from Kashmir, he replied: "We must know first of all what those guarantees are."

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Janki Zoonki, chief of information of the Kashmiri government.—United Press.

ITALY'S CHARGES ON ERITREA

Rome, December 15. The Italian Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, alleged today that 70 Italians had been killed in 18 months of terrorism in British-administered Eritrea, formerly part of Abyssinia.

Refusing to be directly quoted, he told a press conference that he was certain the British would act to protect the Italian colonists as soon as it learned of the horrors—so far hidden by the British press—committed in Eritrea.

Earlier, this month, Count Sforza appealed to Britain to ask Ethiopia to stop attacks by the Ethiopian terrorists on Italians in Eritrea.—Reuter.

London, December 15.

David Low, one of the world's greatest political cartoonists, has fledged from Lord Beaverbrook's "Evening Standard" after 23 years.

He will replace Robert Spring in the "Daily Herald," the official newspaper of the Labour Party. The "Standard" announced tonight. For years Low has been given complete freedom to air his leftist political views although they have been claimed, with the policy of the "Evening Standard."

Time and time again he has poked fun at Lord Beaverbrook himself and ridiculed the Conservative newspaper. The "Standard," mentioning the "talitude given him, commented: "That freedom he will retain until he leaves."

Mr. Vyshinsky was reported to have stressed that the East German police force must not take on too much of a military character. He said that it was not the right moment for East Germany to press for membership of the Cominform, the source added, and no startling changes could be expected soon in Soviet-German relations.

Snow was falling when Mr. Vyshinsky and the other guests arrived at the House of Soviet Culture in the Eastern sector of Berlin to attend a reception given by the Soviet Control Commission tonight.

A large area for many blocks around the House was shut off by black-uniformed armed People's police. All pedestrians were cleared from the area an hour before the reception began.

Senior representatives of the Western Allied High Commission came into the same room for the first time with the leaders of the Communist-dominated East German Republic, which they do not recognize.

A very British official said that the Western Allies, however, were not inclined to members of the so-called East German Government.

He added that Mr. Vyshinsky was friendly and conversed on topical subjects with many of the representatives of the United States, France and Britain.—Reuter.

British Objection To Aid Programme

London, December 15. Britain will make her full contribution to the Atlantic defence programme, with or without military aid, a Foreign Office spokesman said here tonight.

The British Ambassador in Washington was reported to have outlined the British objections to the United States terms for the supply of arms.

Vampire For Egyptians

London, December 15. The Vampire fighters recently ordered by Egypt for use by the Royal Egyptian Air Force are to be delivered within 12 months, the De Havilland Gazette announced.

It said that recent negotiations have led to the purchase of a number of Vampire fighters. The De Havilland Company did not disclose the actual number, nor did the Government departments concerned mention any figure.

The Gazette referred to the deal as an important contract.

Delivery will be carried out by air to Cairo.—United Press.

Ward Threatened With Firearms By Communists

Washington, December 15. The U.S. Consul General, Mr. Angus Ward, reported today that he and his staff at Mukden were threatened with fire arms and denied medical services by the Chinese Communists for months before they were freed.

Mr. Ward now is en route to Japan aboard an American merchant ship, after being ordered out of China by the Communists.

The incident in the State Department was detailed in a 1,500-word report on his treatment.

Mr. Ward said in his report that he and his staff were kept under atrocious conditions and were subjected to persecutions of justice.

His report, of more than a year's apparently routine mistreatment began with the invasion of the Consulate offices by Communist soldiers on November 20 last year. This was right after the Communists seized the Manchurian city. Telephone and electric lines were cut, disrupting water supply and all lighting.

The Communist authorities served notice that all the Americans would be confined incommunicado in their residences until further notice.

When Mr. Ward insisted on staying in his office, he said 22 persons were kept there for 20 days. During which they were permitted a single bucket of water and denied even kerosene lights.

The 10 Americans and their alien assistants were under guard continually thereafter until they were permitted to leave only last week.

Other instances the Consul cited included:

Not until June 6 was he permitted communication of any type with the outside world.

After that time he was put under guard. It was two weeks before the Americans were allowed to move between their homes and the office. It was five weeks before the limited had running water or electric lights.

The Americans took up the American identity papers. All packages carried by Americans were examined. The papers refused even to permit the carrying of overflown cesspools in American residences.

At least every American member of my staff were threatened at least once with fire arms," Mr. Ward said.—Associated Press.

Body of Delegate Goes Home

Khartoum, December 15. The body of Shafik El Khattib, the Egyptian delegate to the Islamic Economic Conference, who was killed in Monday's Pakar Dakota crash near here, when 20 people were killed, will be flown to Cairo tomorrow in a specially chartered plane.

The plane's due at Alimok Airport, Cairo, tomorrow afternoon.

Hussain El Khattib, brother of the dead man and Counsellor in the Egyptian Embassy here, is flying ahead to receive the body when it arrives. There is a heavy shower of silent on-lookers today watching the burial with full military honours of the senior Pakistani officers killed in the crash.

The bodies of the officers Major Khattib, Major General El Khattib, Brigadier Shor Khan, were taken through the city in a solemn procession, their coffins borne on white gun carriages and draped with the Pakistani flag.—Reuter.

Another Spy Trial To Start

Frankfurt, December 15. Four French citizens, one Pole and one German will be tried tomorrow in Poland on charges of sabotage and spying on military, economic and political activities, the official Polish news agency PAP reported today.

The agency said the alleged sabotage was not effective because the Polish security police frustrated the plot.

The chief defendant, Yvonne Bassaler, secretary of the French Consulate in Wroclaw, was said to have started her spy work in April, 1946.

Mme. Bassaler collected agents in the Polish uranium-producing area, where she received information on military units, airfields, industrial establishments and communication lines, PAP said.

Other defendants were identified as Basil Buklov, Josef Feldman and Albert Hoffman, all Frenchmen, Jan Kubicki, a Pole, and Wilhelm Hille, a German. Hille allegedly transmitted ore samples of great importance.

Kubicki, the PAP report said, was Mme. Bassaler's chief agent, who operated under the pseudonym of "V.2."—United Press.

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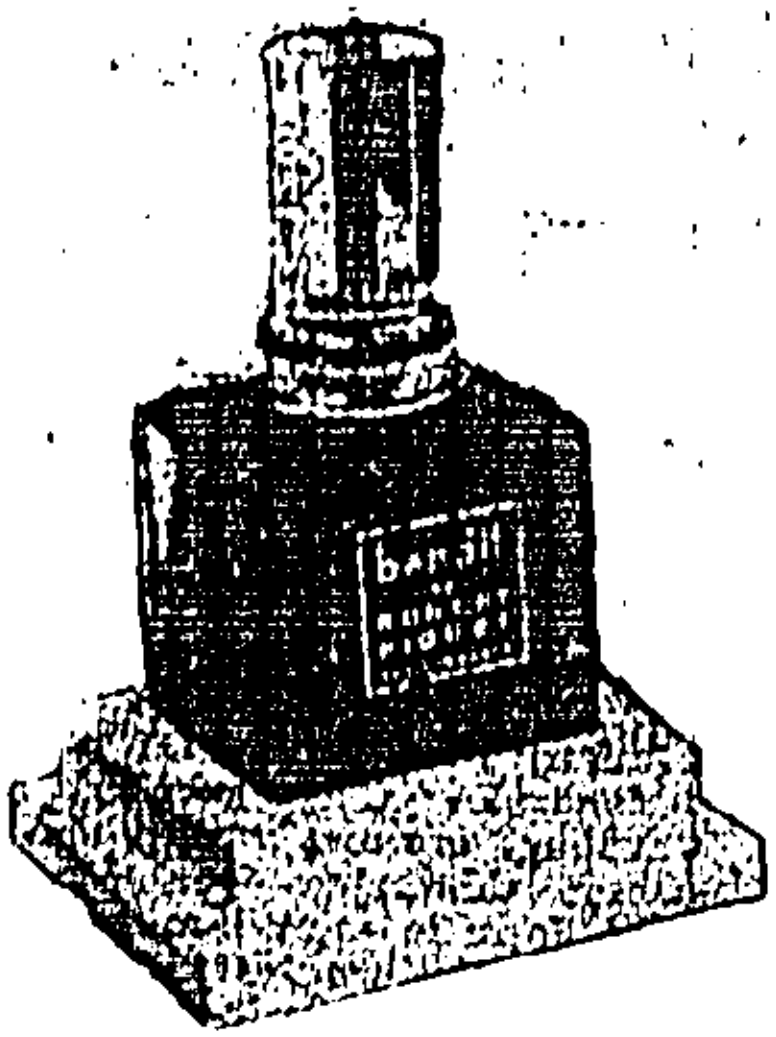
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RUSSIA BLAMED FOR AUSTRIAN TREATY FAILURE

Washington, December 15. The State Department today officially blamed the Soviet Union for the failure of the four-power negotiations in New York for an Austrian treaty.

The Department said: "The Soviet deputy had for some time prevented further progress on the grounds that bilateral Austro-Soviet agreement must first be reached in Vienna regarding the Soviet claims for supplies and services furnished largely in the early days of the occupation."

French Have Difficulty With Taxes

Paris, December 15. The French Government has got into serious difficulties with its Parliamentary majority over the new taxes proposed in the 1950 Budget.

Leaders tonight were talking once again of a possible Government crisis, though most observers expected the Government would be able to find a compromise to shepherd it safely through the rest of this year.

The Government proposed 180 milliards of increases in new taxes next year.

The Prime Minister's Party, the Popular Republicans, are insisting on these taxes being voted, and Socialists are generally supporting them, but the other two parties, represented in the Government, the Radicals, and Independent Conservatives have come out in determined opposition to new taxation in any shape or form.

They demand that the Budget be balanced, its revenue cuts in civil and military expenditure.

French May Form Fezzan Govt

Paris, December 15. The Foreign Affairs Commission tonight invited the French Government to set up a Government in the Fezzan—the Southern part of Libya taken from the Italians by French troops during the war and now under French Administration.

The motion recalled that Britain had set up a Government in Cyrenaica and referred to an article in "The Times" of November 23, which is described as inspired, saying that the British Administration in Tripoli had considered itself free to set up an autonomous government there to manage local affairs.

Passed after the Commission had heard a statement by M. Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, the motion declared: "The Fezzan Affairs Commission affirms once more that the unity of Libya is an artificial and sterile creation."

Libya would have neither the capital nor the technicians to develop its territory, the motion continued.—Reuter.

AMTORG MOVING

New York, December 15. The Russian Amtorg Trading Corporation plans to vacate the nine-story building it occupies here for smaller quarters, apparently because of the sharp drop in trade between the United States and the Soviet Union.

U.S. exports to Russia totalled \$2,299,000 for the first nine months of this year and are expected to reach about \$3,000,000 for the year. Before the "cold war," exports averaged about \$100,000,000 annually.—Associated Press.

This matter has been the subject of negotiations in Vienna since last August. The United States Government perceived a no reason why these negotiations should be permitted to delay the conclusion of a treaty which is now years overdue.

The Foreign Ministers' deputies will re-convene in London on January 9.

The State Department said that the United States delegation would have been prepared to continue the negotiations through the Christmas holidays if there had been any prospect of an early break in the present deadlock.

Food Deliveries

The Soviet delegate has prevented further progress on the ground that a bilateral Austro-Soviet agreement must first be reached in Vienna, but the State Department had no means of knowing whether the Soviet Government, in its claims for the payment of food deliveries to Austria, was using them as a pretext to prevent the early signing of an Austrian treaty.

The State Department said it hoped that, when the Foreign Ministers' deputies re-convene in London on January 9, "the Soviet deputy will have received new instructions which will permit the conclusion of a treaty, the withdrawal of occupation troops and the restoration of full Austrian sovereignty."

The negotiations had been conducted in New York because it had been considered that they would be expedited by the presence of the Foreign Ministers at the United Nations General Assembly.—Reuter.

POW Dependents Demonstrate

Tokyo, December 16. Women and children dependents of Japanese war prisoners still unreturned from Siberia laid siege to the Soviet Embassy here for several hours late yesterday.

They demanded continuation of repatriation during the winter, the names of those who died in prison camps and the names of those held as suspected war criminals.

When the group requested an interview with Lieutenant General K. N. Derovnyanko, head of the Russian diplomatic mission, the Embassy gates were closed to them on the ground an anti-Soviet demonstration was being staged. Later, however, spokesmen for the group were received by a lesser official, M. Kochelintsev.

Their questions were not answered and the interview ended when Soviet soldiers pushed them outside. The Japanese told newsmen later. One said: "We were pushed out of the room by soldiers, including officers of the Embassy on the grounds that continuation of our negotiations would be considered an act of arrogance by the Japanese people."

Demands Conveyed
The group then remained outside the gates as a demonstration

Art Shop In The Open Air



K. Berger of Kiel, Germany, rents a street corner in Hamburg once a month to display his painted. Since cloth is expensive, Berger paints on plates of pressed wood pulp. He pays the Hamburg city authorities two Deutsche marks a day for the street corner where he sells his works. If sales are poor, Berger goes to work for a while as a carpenter. Here, he stands amongst his paintings waiting for purchasers. (Associated Press Photo).

JESSUP LEAVING U.S. ON FACT-FINDING JOURNEY

Washington, December 15. Ambassador at Large, Philip Jessup, leaves Washington on Thursday night en route to the Far East for a two-month survey during which he will attempt to find out what the United States can do to block further spread of Communism in Asia.

Mr. Jessup will sail for Japan from San Francisco on December 20 aboard the ss President Cleveland.

Before leaving Washington, Mr. Jessup informed Congressional foreign affairs experts that his main purpose was to see how the American government can help to prevent the spread of Communism into South East Asia and Eastward into the Pacific rather than ascertain what could be done about reclaiming China.

Mr. Jessup expects to spend about one week in Japan, then continue to Southern Korea, Taiwan—if it is still in Nationalist hands—the Philippines, Hong Kong, Singapore, Indo-China, and Siam.

He has no intention of visiting Communist China unless an unexpected opportunity develops. In Siam, Mr. Jessup will meet with American diplomatic representatives in the Far East who are gathering at Bangkok on February 13 for discussions of the Asian situation.

Facts For Acheson

Following the Bangkok meeting, Mr. Jessup intends to visit Burma, India, Pakistan, and Ceylon to dig out pertinent facts for Mr. Acheson.

Mr. Jessup met late on Wednesday with Chairman John Kee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Republican representative Charles Eaton, of New Jersey, its ranking minority member, to give them information concerning his itinerary and objectives. Mr. Jessup's itinerary, with the exception of Taiwan, follows the U.S. military plan, new concept of a strategic defence ring which must be held against the Communists in the Far East.

Taiwan was at one time included, but present thinking is that there is no feasible way of holding it against the Communists in view of reported demoralisation of the Nationalist forces and alleged ill-will of the Taiwanese toward Chiang Kai-shek's government.

Mr. Jessup's role on this tour is principally that of a factfinder for Mr. Acheson. He is not expected to make any broad or over-all recommendation, but to provide advice and information on specific situations, which can be pieced together here by persons with broader knowledge of Far Eastern affairs.—United Press.

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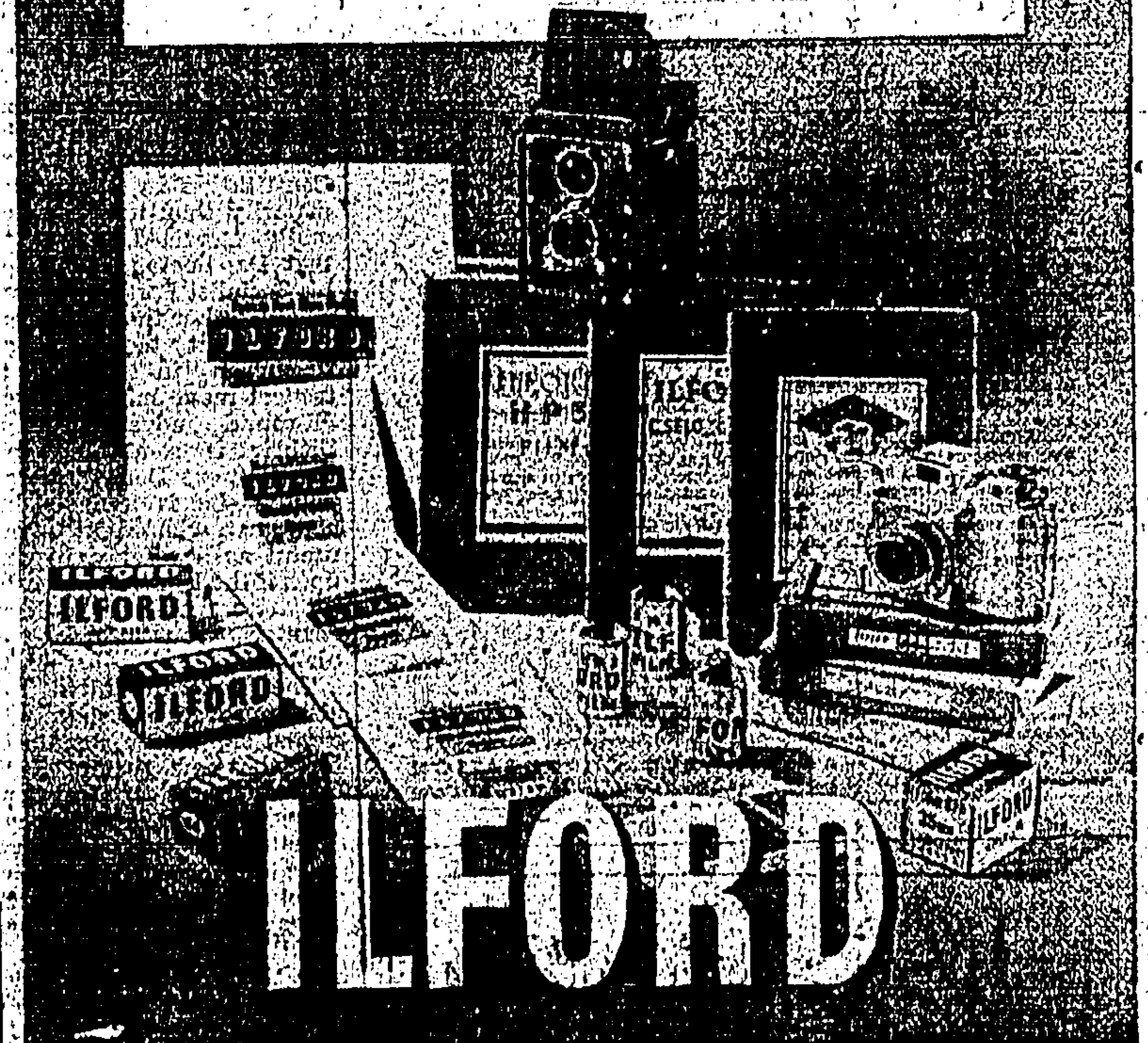
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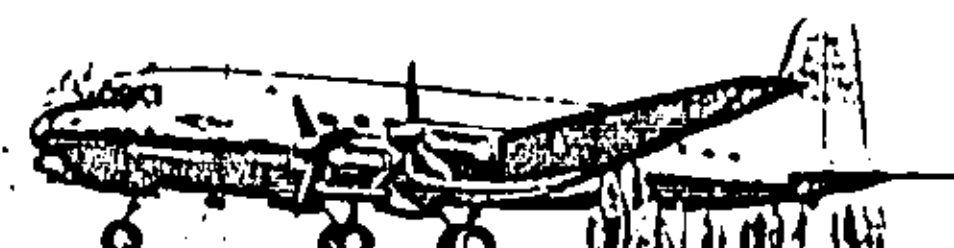
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SETTLEMENT IN INDONESIA

Mr. Vyshinsky is said to have arrived in Paris from New York looking very pleased but proclaiming "I am furious. No decision taken by the United Nations gave me satisfaction." He didn't do so badly, at least from the viewpoint of speechmaking. He was able to declaim against "Colonial Imperialism" to his heart's content, though even in some parts of Africa there is more freedom than exists anywhere in the satellite States or in Soviet Russia itself for that matter. But on the whole the Assembly session was unproductive for the Soviet delegation, which had even to swallow the unpleasant pill of Yugoslavia's election to the Security Council.

The United Nations could, and would, have done much more but for Mr. Vyshinsky's constant obstruction. But one admirable and historic result is the settlement in Indonesia, which the Soviet delegation and the satellite spokesmen opposed to the very end. In that settlement the United Nations Commission played a big part. It wasn't easy—far from it. Mutual mistrust between the two major parties clouded every issue. The Commission was mainly responsible for overcoming that difficulty, and now all is in a fair way to completion and confirmation.

The Republican Parliament at Jogjakarta has ratified both the agreement and the new Constitution by a far larger majority than had been generally expected. It is true that Dr. Soetan Sjahrir and his Socialist Party of 30 walked out rather than vote for or against, but there are contingencies in which this tactical move might prove of all-round advantage. Dr. Sjahrir is something more than a mere Don Quixote in politics—he is a far-sighted statesman who might be most useful as a reserve to draw upon if the leaders responsible for the agreement should encounter serious internal trouble later on.

The Federal States have also approved, and so only the formal signatures remain before the new nation of the United States of Indonesia, the new Union, and the new Constitution of Indonesia, come into force. The Federal structure was to some extent imposed on the Republicans and it may well be that in time there will be modifications as the popular will flows more strongly.

Meanwhile sovereignty is to be transferred before the end of the month, and the new Indonesian Government will be created. The electoral college is scheduled to appoint the President today—and it is taken almost for granted that the choice will fall upon Dr. Soekarno. The President, in turn, will choose three Cabinet members and they will select three others, after which the heads of Ministries will be appointed and the Senate and Lower House will be created.

The work of taking over authority from the Dutch began some time ago. The Federalists have played a useful role since the Republicans became convinced that the

The most striking event at the beginning of the month in British home politics was the publication by the "News Chronicle" of its Gallup Poll on the way people would vote at the General Election.

This showed that 38 per cent intended to vote Labour, 48 per cent Conservative, 13 per cent Liberal, and one per cent for other Parties. The percentage voting Labour has fallen considerably, and the percentage voting Conservative has risen since the previous polls.

Canasta Came, Caught On And Conquered

By
GUY RAMSEY

The United States, that land of giant enthusiasms, has just produced a new one which has swept from New York to San Francisco with the fury of a forest fire.

It is a card-game called Canasta (with the accent on the second syllable), and it has transcended all records since Culbertson, with his genius for publicity allied to his genius for systematisation, put contract bridge on the world map 20 years ago.

Ladies' Invention

The original flame was kindled in Montevideo (called memorably by Mr. Churchill Monty Video) and by its inhabitants Montevideo, the capital of Uruguay, just about the time the "Grat Spec" scuttled herself off the harbour.

In Uruguay card conventions were fairly rigid in 1940. Women played bridge—it was, par excellence, a "ladies game"—while men played poker, from which women were rigorously excluded. The only "mixed" game was gin rummy.

The ladies, bored with their own company, invented a new game based on a number of elements culled from other games. It had some of the card-reading of bridge, especially in the discard, it had some of the bluff of poker; it had some of the putting down on the table of

best policy was to stop calling them puppets and to create with them a united Indonesian front. The U.N. Commission was the chief factor in helping the Dutch and the Republicans to agree. Of course the Soviet wanted to cancel all that has been accomplished and sack the lot, but though the Commission has practically completed its work, it may still render useful services during the final processes. If there are further disputes, they are more likely to concern the Republicans and the Federalists, rather than the Dutch, who have shown the utmost goodwill since the liberal-minded leadership of Dr. van Royen put them on a firm and set course.

It may be hoped, that the Republicans will not push their own preferences too far at this stage. They are already the most important factor in the new State, and some of them have never liked the Federal structure. They dislike it not merely because of the way in which it was produced, but because they prefer the unitary State. But Federalism is undoubtedly the best principle to go upon at the beginning of the life of the new State.

There has always been a large sense of autonomy among the infinite variety of races that inhabit this scattered island archipelago. They have mostly lived their own lives in their own way for centuries, even under the Dutch, and East Indonesia will be more peaceful and co-operative as a separate entity of the United Republic than it would be under the specific direction of the political intelligentsia in Jogjakarta.

Burma has already fallen apart, and the issue of racial and tribal autonomy keeps the country tragically disunited. Stability in Indonesia will be as valuable to the Democratic cause as the all-round agreement itself. And federalism will also have its value if the Communist and other opponents of the settlement take to the jungle and try to throw this populous land into chaos.

Taken by and large the agreement is a far better one than seemed even remotely likely in the days of tedious negotiations and recurrent crises. But Indonesia may have further trouble ahead unless her leaders measure up to the responsibilities and opportunities before them and turn to the temple of freedom with true devotion and self-sacrificing

This does not mean that the Conservatives are in private on universalist as optimistic as they appear in public. Gallup Polls have been unreliable in the past. They were wrong over the Truman election (though not as far out as is sometimes supposed). But the method of taking these polls has improved. In the recent Senatorial Election in New York the straw vote gave a prediction which proved very accurate.

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rummy, pinochle, or bezique; and as piquet and tarot are played in French, it was played in the liquid Spanish of its birthplace.

While a greater war raged in Europe the war of canasta raged in Montevideo. For every school played by local rules; every group modified the score; every "expert" had a new idea of strategy and tactics.

There existed a chaos among canasta players like that which once strangled contract in the 30's.

By 1940 canasta was fairly well codified and standardised. By 1948 it had been carried by the large tourist population far beyond the land of its origin, to Buenos Aires, to Rio, and thence to North America.

The forest fire has burned so brightly, so fiercely, that it has crossed the Atlantic; and 3,000 miles of water have not sufficed to extinguish it.

Last month two books on it were published in London: "Canasta del Uruguay," by Cecelia and David Salinas, two U.S. diplomats stationed in Uruguay during the game's formative years; and "Canasta," by Otilio H. Reilly, with a foreword by Theodore Lightner, one of the United States' "world master" card-players.

But the Salinas game is not the game of the Reilly. They are as different, not as chalk and cheese but rather as Stilton and Gorgonzola.

Both versions agree that a "canasta"—it is Spanish for basket, and presumably means that the key features of other games have been gathered into the canasta of the new game—is a set of seven cards, identical value, such as seven kings. The Salinas couple call this a canasta gutastalham—

This "News Chronicle" poll, combined with other investigations which gave much the same results, has caused a vigorous new stir in the general pre-election excitement in Great Britain today. People have noticed the New Zealand elections with interest. They now have also drawn their conclusions from the Australian elections.

Why should the mass of the people vote Conservative and against Labour? Certainly the Conservative leadership in recent

months has not been inspiring. The Conservatives have been one of the most ineffective opposition parties in Parliament in the memory of the public. They have thrown away their only real opportunity of damaging the Government; the last was their failure over ground nuts.

Very few people feel much confidence in, or respect for, the Conservative chiefs, except for Mr. Churchill. There is widespread fear that a Conservative victory may mean unemployment of one or two million people.

A Certain Swing

Yet, that there is a certain swing away from Labour, nobody can doubt. A very large number of people have lost confidence in the Government since devaluation. It may be that any Government in Great Britain at that time would have been forced to devalue. But the Labour Government must play its hand in the worst possible way. It should so loudly claim that it would not devalue, that when devaluation came, it could not avoid losing face.

The history of recent months is curiously like that of other periods in British parliamentary history when a party, which had been brought to power originally by a wave of public enthusiasm, has been losing out its last months of authority. What happens at such times is that Ministers suddenly seem to lose their grip. No leadership comes from them. Often they seem the victim of sheer bad luck as disaster after disaster rains on them. They are full of complaints. They cannot put a foot right. They seem to know in their sub-conscious mind that they are breaking up.

This was the plight of the Conservative Government in 1905 just before the great Liberal triumph which brought in the modern age of British politics.

Some observers think the Labour Government is suffering from the same palsy. Consider the events of the last month. There has been the ground nuts scandal. There was the uproar over the Pakenham case when Lord Pakenham virtually over-rode a judicial tribunal. There has been the revelation of the Transport losses. There have been the foolish attacks on the Press.

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This number varies as the game progresses. You cannot meld without 50 points early in the game; later you require 80; and in the end game 120.

There is a lot of play—although more luck—in canasta; and the points are apt to run as in mah jongg—very high indeed.

If you embark on canasta make very sure that you all play the same rules. Also make very sure that your stakes are well within your purse.

I myself am now off for a game of bridge.

Wanted--A Pied Piper

By JAMES ROSS

I have just come out of the Ops room. As Ops rooms go it differs very little from the traditional type with which so many of us became familiar during the late war.

On the walls were dozens of maps all marked up with pins of different colour, and black thread running in a zig zag across the map from South to North.

There was a line of black thread was the front line, and I had been getting a good look at the enemy dispositions.

The Ops room was situated in the Alberta Parliament Buildings, and into this place had poured exact information as to the movements of the enemy that in a year was going to exact a toll of many millions of dollars from the residents of Alberta, Canada.

The enemy is advancing slowly but surely at the rate of 12 miles per year. A guess at the time it will show how close the enemy is from the border at the moment, and the vast distance travelled since 1900.

The awful thing is that there is no means known to man that will stop this advance or prevent it from enveloping the whole province.

My interest in this impending invasion was first aroused by learning that Alberta is a rat free province. Up to the present the only rats seen here are the white house mice, and the rats which have invaded in railway trucks, and they have been quickly rounded up and destroyed.

From the questions I put to various local people, I learned that rats cannot live in Alberta because of the climate, and the intense cold in winter. As a result, I was told, "there is no need to get all burned up about this rat invasion; they just won't amount to a row of beans."

I went in search of someone who might really know about it from the inside. I found Mr. J. H. Brown, entomologist to the Government of Alberta, and discovered that he has equipped a whole Ops room, to deal with the matter.

He laughed when I told him of the assertion that rats could not live here.

"That," he said, "is a popular fallacy among the people here. We have been warning them about it in public campaigns for many years, but they think it is just a bunch of scientific stunts."

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Passion For Unity

Why cannot the Labour Cabinet assert its authority? Partly it is because it has a passion for unity. All Labour members recall that the Party Spirit in 1931 led to utter defeat. But today they are keeping the Party united, at the cost of having no policy at all.

The Labour Cabinet may have passed out of this bad phase before the Election. It still has enormously strong support. People are grateful to it for the benefits it has given. Most of the people have not yet begun to feel the pinch of the crisis. Never before have they lived so well as at the moment. Austerity is limited to the Middle Classes.

Thus the Labour Party may still come back to power. It is always disconcerting its critics by unexpectedly winning by-elections. If Labour falls it will be because the electorate has begun to fear that though Socialism confers benefits for a time, it ties up the national economy in such a way that the final result is crash and bankruptcy.

When they actually hit central Europe it is not certain, but by the thirteenth century we read of a great plague of rats in Ireland, so by that time rats must have "taken to the sea, and moved across."

There is no question that the rat came to the American continent with the early settlers, and as it has never been known to live without the company of man its movement to the New World was a foregone conclusion. The Eastern seaboard complies with the process of migration. Westward.

In those early days the settlers moved very slowly, by means of horse-drawn wagons, so as they advanced Westward the rat was able to keep up with them.

Alberta was one of the last places to be so settled and up to that time had a population of only a very few whites. With the advent of trainborne advance into new country the rats were quickly left behind, and at their slow rate of progress they will not cross the Alberta border until 1950.

Study Of Subject

I have made a study of the subject for the past six or seven years," said Mr. Brown, "and during that time have asked for various reports on the movement of the rats towards the West. They cannot get at us from the West coast where they originally arrived in ships with the early settlers, because of the Rocky mountains."

When one takes into account the millions of tons of grain stored in wooden elevators all over the province, some swift action will be necessary to control the rats when they get here next year.

Alberta is in dire need of a modern Pied Piper.

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No, Myrtle, this new atomic weapon which Britain is said to have is not pulverised mock.

"CAT planes leave H.K. Sorry, I'm afraid I don't know either."

Australian ex-POW's say Mandrake (beg pardon, MacArthur) is quite wrong, and that they themselves wouldn't trust the Japs in a million years. Just another instance of how familiarity breeds contempt.

A writer on the subject of China recognition mentions one American organisation which "has a few thousand members of industrialists, professors, lawyers, wholesale merchants, bankers and other intellectuals."

Are there any others?

"Mrs.—— made a trip to Singa— who has been seriously ill with ulcer of pore yesterday to visit her husband's stomach. His condition is steadily improving."

Honest? And how are all the little proof readers?

More howlers.

The chief animals of Australia are the kangaroo, boomerang and peccadillo. Sound is a rapid series of oscillations.

Achilles was the boy whose mother dipped him in the River Styx until he was intolerable. In America people are put to death by education.

Matrimony is a place where souls suffer for a time on account of their sins when you buy something wholesale to sell retail.

The last letter in the English alphabet is yours truly.

Concurrently with the House of Lords demand for an independent inquiry into the East African groundnuts scheme, Mr. Strachey is on his way to Kongwa. I am told, however, that he will be unable to put the whole thing in a nutshell.

Regarding this invalid cheque case, I am reminded that my own bank account is in a pretty delicate state at the moment.

Myrtle was wearing a really daring strapless evening gown last night when her host approached with a man. "This is Professor Benz, authority on structural engineering. He wants to ask you something."

"Alleged driver freed." Come, come, now. Since the driving test was instituted, nobody's as bad as all that.

"C-c-can you g-g-give me f-f-fifteen m-minutes?" "Certainly. What is it?" "I w-w-want to have a f-f-five m-minutes' c-c-conversation with you."

A headmaster states that parents don't realise what a strain evening preparation can be to a child.

One would have thought it had been brought home to them often enough.

An oil company in Papua got only a night's trace of oil after drilling 2,300 feet.

What a bore!

HOPES OF ELECTRIC CURRENT RESTORATION DIMMED

London Wrangle Over Terms To End Strike UNION STATEMENT

London, December 15.

Hopes of a full restoration of electric current tonight faded as Cabinet Ministers, chiefs of Britain's nationalised electricity industry, trade union leaders and unofficial strikers were this evening caught up in a wrangle over the terms on which the strike should end.

The 2,600 men who stopped work at the beginning of the week, bringing widespread blackout to parts of Southern England voted today to resume work pending further negotiations on their claim for a special "heat and dirt" bonus.

At Barking—biggest power station in Europe—the strikers went back, but at the three other stations they refused to sign a declaration that they were returning to work "unconditionally".

The Home Secretary, Mr. Chamberlain, said that the Government did not anticipate that it would be necessary to introduce emergency powers to deal with the situation.

One of the union leaders, Mr. Frank Foulkes, President of the Electrical Trades Union, told a reporter that the only conditions imposed when the unions met the Electricity Authority yesterday were on the trade union officials, who agreed to conduct negotiations in accordance with agreements, to satisfy the men's just demand.

He added, "I agree with the workers that under no circumstances could they take up employment with the BEA unconditionally. They can only take up employment on the conditions laid down in the national agreement."

Later a statement by the BEA said that it fully intended to observe the existing agreement settled in accordance with the constitutional machinery.

Mass meetings of some of the strikers were called for tonight and the men who resumed work at Barking have called a mass meeting for early tomorrow to decide their future action.

—Reuter

B-29 Crashes, Kills Five Instantly

Roswell, New Mexico, December 15.

A B-29 Air Force bomber, crashed and burned near Walker Air Force Base here tonight, killing five men instantly. Nine other members of the crew miraculously escaped death, although three were in critical condition and one was seriously hurt. The others suffered only minor injuries.

Captain A. Pyatt, Walker Base public information officer, credited the quick work of the Air police and Base firefighters with saving the nine survivors.

"They got to the scene in a matter of minutes," he said. "It was a marvellous rescue job and miraculous that all of the men weren't killed."

The big plane was on a routine training flight and was returning to Walker Base at 5.15 p.m. MST when it suddenly plunged to earth two miles from the base. Equipment sped to the scene from the base and from nearby Roswell.

leased by the Holy Year Clero-mency Division of the Italian Government. All prison sentences, except those for financial crimes, will be cut by one-third, with a maximum reduction of two years.—Reuter.

POPE AUTHORISES MIDNIGHT MASS

Vatican City, December 15. The Pope has authorised the celebration of Midnight Mass on New Year's Eve throughout the world in honour of the Catholic Church's 25th Holy Year, it was announced here today.

As a rule, Midnight Mass is celebrated only on Christmas Eve. The announcement issued by Cardinal Aloisio Masella also authorised Catholics to receive Holy Communion at the New Year's Midnight Mass.

Rome officials said today that about 8,000 prisoners will be re-

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Search For Survivors

Miami, Florida, December 15. Aircraft and ships today searched for the burning hulk of the 921-ton Dutch motor vessel Doris, shattered by an explosion off Miami, but she was believed to have sunk during the night, carrying with her 10 of the 11 victims of the explosion.

Thirteen survivors are safe, eight are in a Miami hospital and five are on board a rescue ship, the oil tanker Williamburg, bound for Philadelphia.

Those brought to Miami were taken from a lifeboat 300 miles off the Florida coast by the tanker Sparrow's Point.—Reuter.

Recognition Issue And Hong Kong

London, December 15.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, attended a cabinet meeting at 10, Downing Street on Thursday, when the ministers reportedly considered his recommendation that recognition should be given to the Chinese Communist government before the end of the year.

Informed sources said that the factors connected with recognition which is still an important issue, included: firstly, the question of Hong Kong. The Foreign Office has noted that the Chinese Communists made no mention of the Crown Colony in their declared intention of "liberating" all Chinese territory under foreign rule, although they have mentioned Tibet.

It remains to be seen whether the formal terms of recognition—mutual respect for sovereignty and territory—will be applied to Hong Kong by the Communist regime.

Secondly, the situation regarding Taiwan. Mr. Bevin has made clear the British government's contention that Taiwan is technically Japanese territory until the peace treaty with Japan is signed.

If the Chinese Communists should attack the island after recognition by the British government, the technicalities arise whether Britain could continue recognising a belligerent government.

Thirdly, the question of Britain's treaty relations with Burma. As in the case of Tibet, Britain is under no obligation, but if asked by Burma for military aid for defence purposes, the Anglo-Burmese treaty would make it hard for Britain to refuse if Burma was invaded from the North.—United Press.

Buenos Aires, December 15. Argentina is bidding for world tourist trade by granting preferential customs treatment to visitors. A new Government decree permits tourists to bring in motorcars tax free and export permits are waived on souvenir purchases of national manufactures.—Associated Press.

She Can Pick Her Husband

Gettysburg, South Dakota, December 15.

Ilse Derinowska, aged 23, of Hamburg, Germany, can have her pick from some 50 prospective husbands in the Midwest of the United States.

She wrote a letter recently to the Mayor of Gettysburg, Mr. Walter Sunderburg, saying that she was lonely and wanted a good American husband.

The Mayor showed the letter to some reporters. Answering letters are now still arriving daily although the Mayor has a long since discontinued running a "lonely hearts" agency.

One 35-year-old Iowa farmer drove 380 miles to get first-hand information about Ilse from the Mayor.

The man said his mother prompted the trip by suggesting he should pick out a girl for a wife.

Lacking a stenographer, the Mayor said that he was bundling up the letters as they arrived and forwarding them to Ilse for personal attention.—Reuter.

The plane was attached to the 509th Bombing Group at Walker Base.—United Press.

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Gov't Silent On Report Britain Has Atom Bomb

London, December 15. British Government officials throw up a quick screen today against questions on a London newspaper report that a British atomic weapon would not be tried out in Pacific tests as American super-bombs.

"There has never been an official statement that Britain already had an atomic weapon to test and we cannot comment one way or another about it," a Ministry of Supply spokesman said.

Nothing has been disclosed officially of what progress Britain has made towards the development or actual production of an atom bomb although several atomic energy establishments for research or the manufacture of plutonium have been built or are under construction.

Following recent American-British-Canadian atomic talks in Washington, participants said that Britain had the knowledge necessary for atom bomb production but disclosed that it had been suggested that Britain could use the United States as an "atomic arsenal" instead of building its own elaborate and expensive bomb factory.

Whatever Britain has to offer in the atomic world now would be guided on decisions taken by their representatives with the United States and Canada about the exact form and extent of collaboration.

Eniwetok atoll in the Pacific Ocean is the American proving ground for atom bombs. British scientists attended the last American atom bomb tests there.

British scientists are equally concerned with long-range weapon tests held secretly at the carefully guarded Woomera rocket range in Australia.

Reports recently suggested that some new experiments were contemplated there but nothing has been officially disclosed.—Reuter.

Students 'Declare War'

Antwerp, December 15.

Students at nearby Malines "declared war" today on students here because about 100 students from Antwerp yesterday stormed Malines' museum and stole a 400-year-old doll, the "Opwijnjorke".

The tiny wooden figure, dressed in a gold-buttoned cloak and very dear to the inhabitants of Malines, was stolen by the inhabitants of Antwerp once before, in 1775, and later recovered.

The doll is symbolic of an old Antwerp custom practised 500 years ago. Unfaithful husbands were taken by their friends and tossed in a blanket. The custom was stopped by the Church as there were too many accidents.

As a result, a doll was tossed in the blanket instead. This had the effect of publicly announcing that "Monsieur so and so" had been unfaithful to his wife.

The police were today still searching for the dummy husband.—Reuter.

Communist Prisoners In Riot

Calcutta, December 15.

Fifty-two persons were reported to have been injured today when 250 Communist prisoners, wielding broken furniture, fought police, firemen and wardens for four hours in Calcutta's biggest gaol.

The warden said rioters were subdued by pistol shots and tear gas.

Unofficial reports said 17 firemen and policemen and 35 prisoners were injured, five seriously.

The fighting broke out when prisoners—men and women who had been held for weeks without trial—staged a protest demonstration against the bi-weekly search of their cells by wardens.

Women prisoners overpowered women wardens, bound their hands and feet and locked them in a cell before joining the men.

The prisoners broke furniture and crockery and seized pieces to fight the wardens, according to the prison announcement. The firemen and police were called.

The firemen played hoses on the demonstrators, but fell back after a furious charge in which several firemen were injured. The police then opened fire, breaking up the demonstration.—United Press.

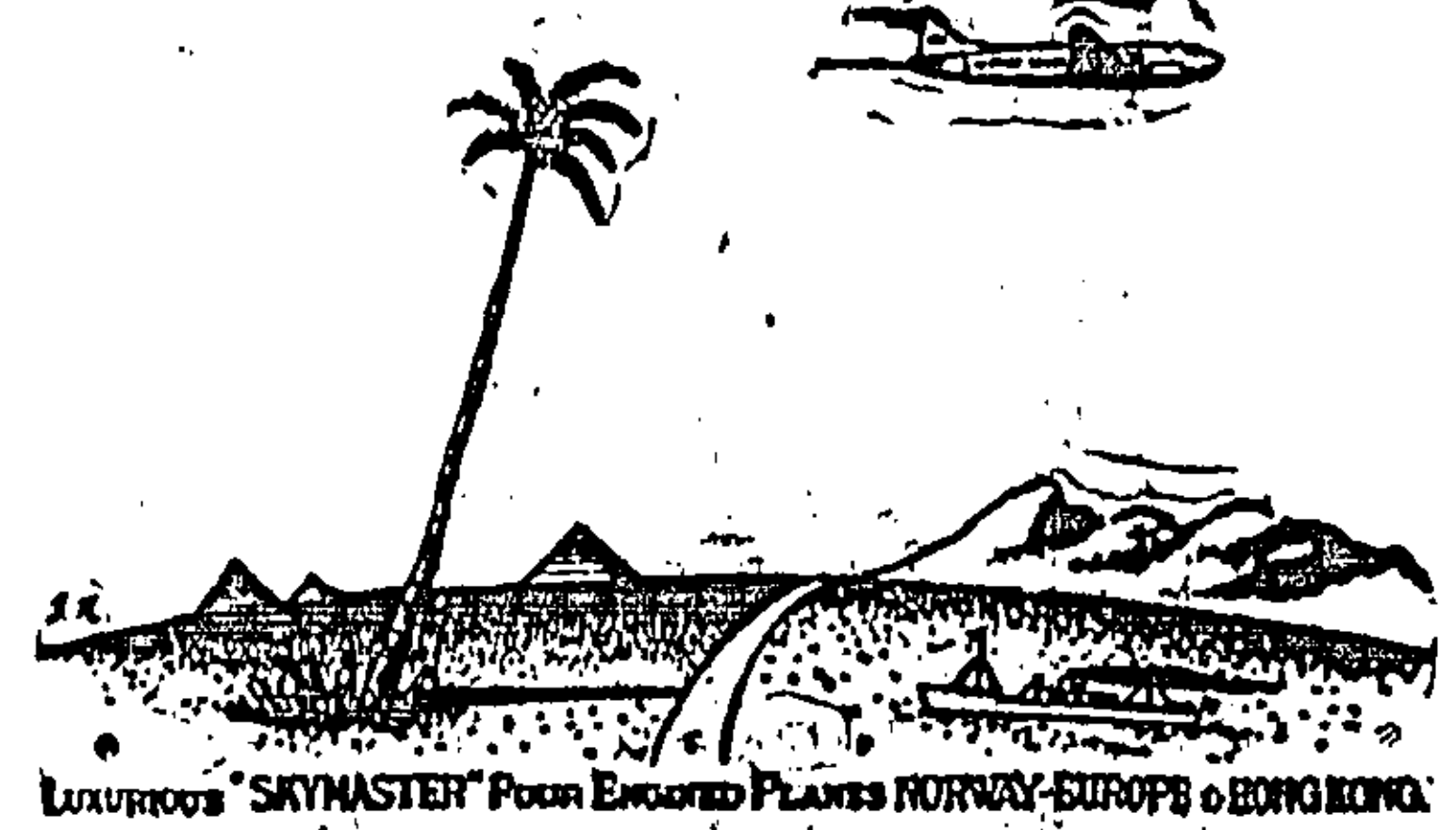
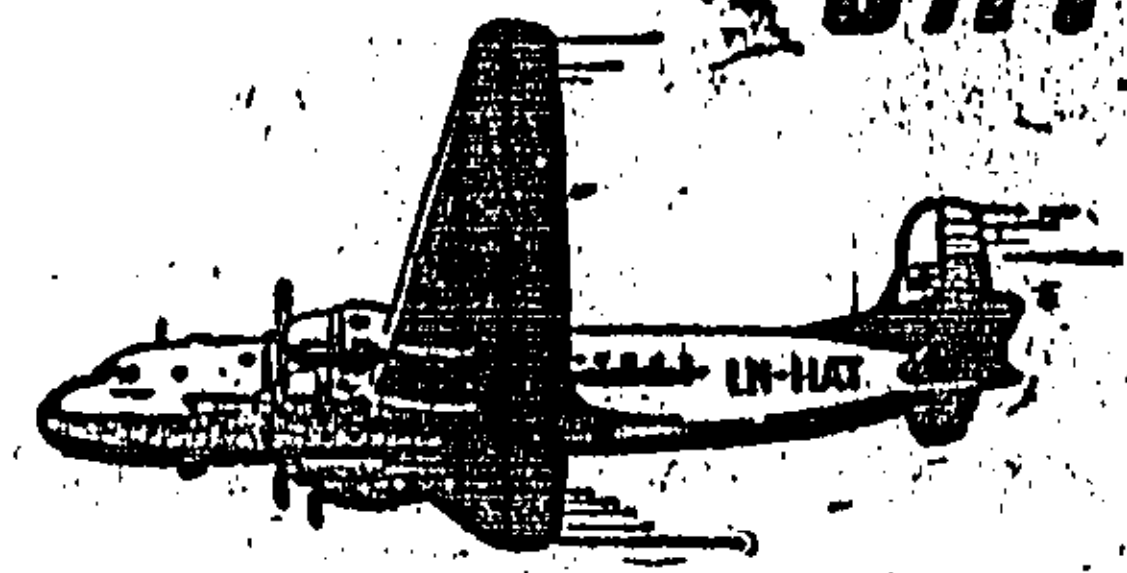
HE HAS HAD ENOUGH OF No. 16

Cobra Rapids, Iowa, December 15.

Mr. J. F. Williams, aged 37, often called Iowa's "most married man," has filed suit for a divorce from wife No. 16. In his petition filed here today, he said the former Mrs. Louise Parker of Cleveland, Ohio, who became Mrs. Williams in 1940 after a postal romance, had left him.

Mr. Williams said that her parting words were: "I would not live with you in paradise." Mr. Williams married for the first time in 1904 and remained wed to the same wife for 24 years. His other marriages were relatively brief.—Reuter.

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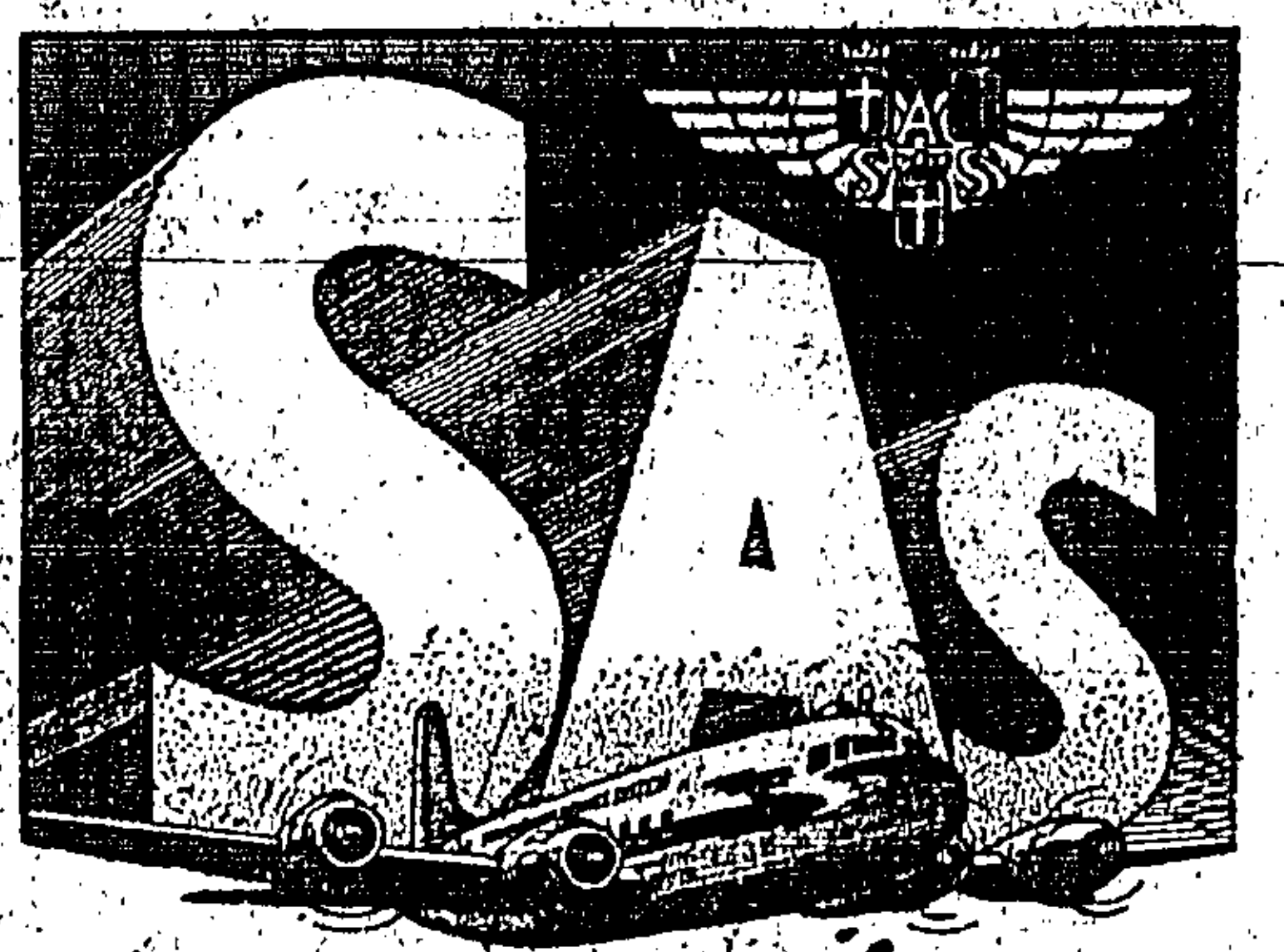
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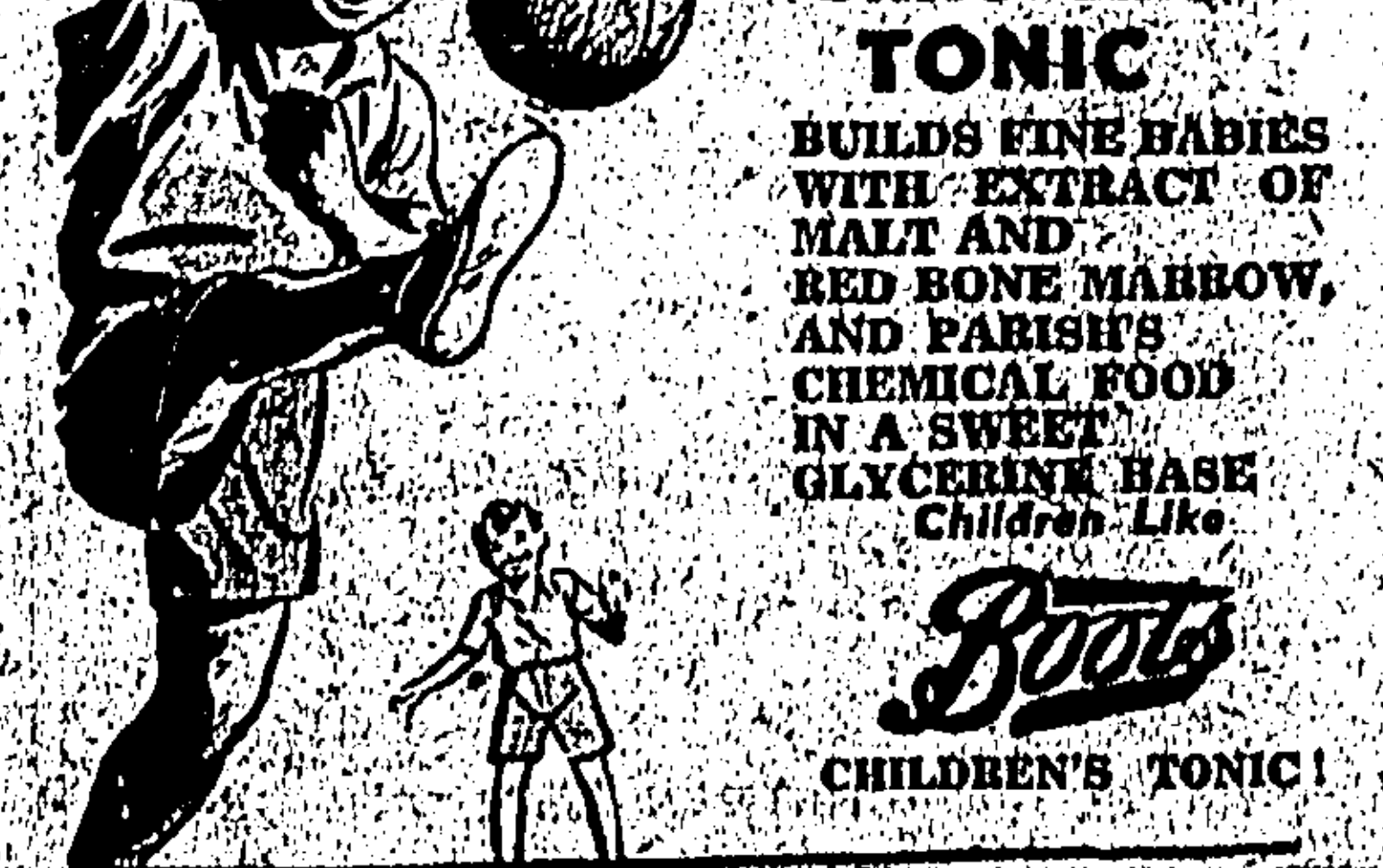
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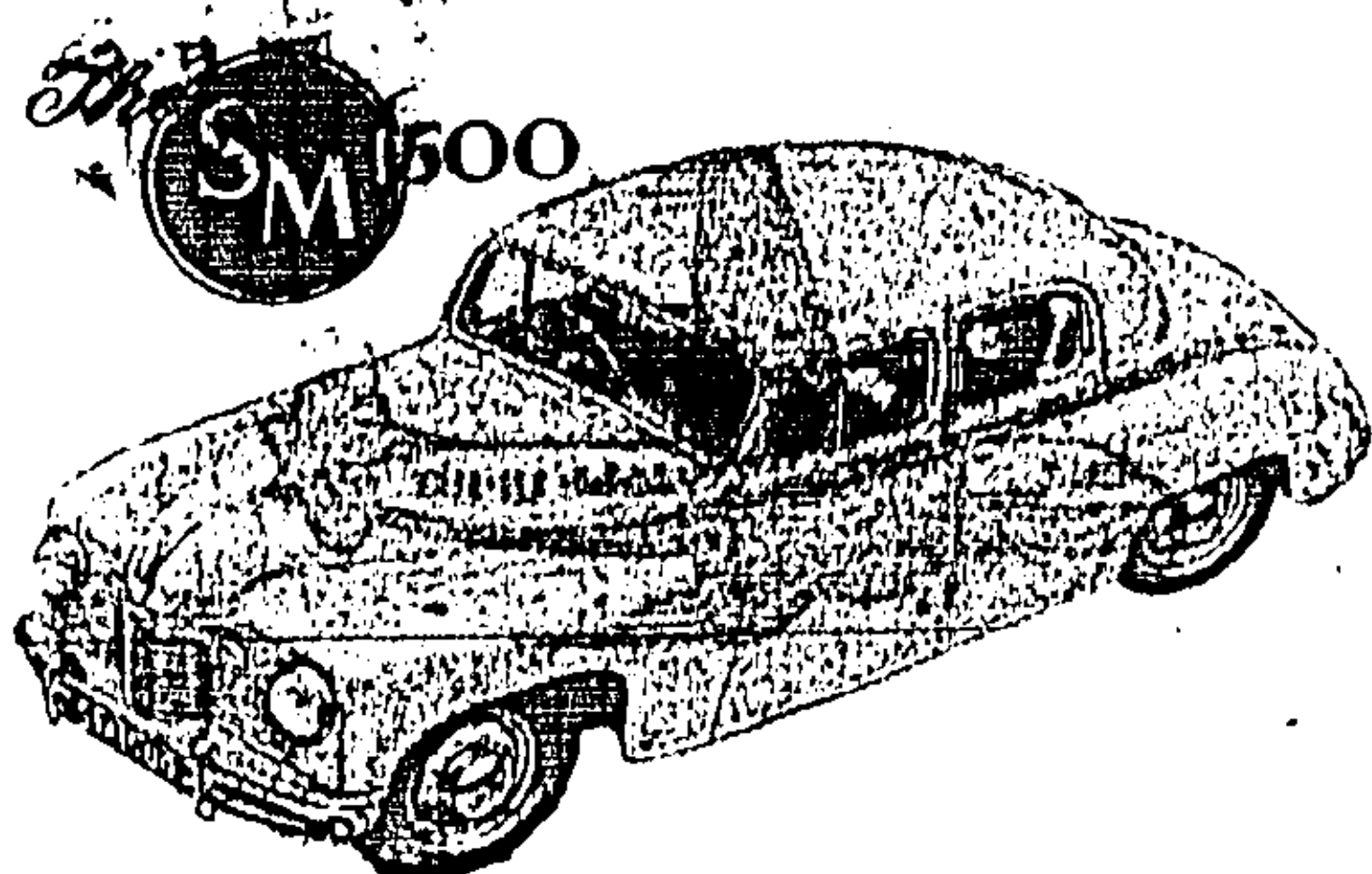
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MOTURING NEWS AND VIEWS

AUSTRALIA'S "LITTLE BIG" CAR IS THE RIGHT THING

New Caltex Petrol Service Station Opens

A new Caltex service station, operated by the China International Motors, agents for Buick and Vauxhall cars, has been opened at the intersection of Nathan and Salisbury Roads.

The new station was formally opened on Friday, when Mr. I. B. Trevor, General Manager of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, drove up his car to the pump for the first "fill".

Also present at the opening were Mr. Edward Eu, Managing Director of China International Motors, Mrs. Eu, Mr. N. Burgess, Manager of China International Motors, Mr. D. H. Rowson, District Manager of the Texaco (China) Company, and others.

The station, which is ideally located, is expected to prove of great benefit to motorists in Kowloon's shopping district.

HKAA Car Park In Jordan Road

The Hong Kong Automobile Association, in an effort to increase its services rendered to the motoring public, now maintains a petrol and car cleaning service at the Kowloon terminus of the Yaukai vehicular ferry at Jordan Road.

This new service has proved to be a great success, and many Kowloon motorists are availing themselves of the service, preferring to travel in the comparative comfort of the Yaukai ferry rather than in the over-crowded Star ferries.

No announcement in recent years has been awaited with such interest as that of the Holden car manufactured in Australia by General Motors-Holden.

A description appeared in "The Autocar" of December 3, 1948. Predictions varied from a large woolly full-powered type to something akin to an English Ten, but a commendable balance has been struck in producing a car that suits most Australian requirements.

The Holden is a powerful, economical car of good appearance and clearance.

The Australian representative of "The Autocar" was recently given an opportunity of testing one of these cars during a trip of 160 miles from Sydney. The greater part of the road covered was of good surface with a short distance of loose corrugated gravel.

There are two outstanding features about the Holden. The first is its seating capacity. Many of these cars are now to be seen on Australian roads and from the exterior appearance one would be justified in classing them as small family cars, but open one of the four doors and it will at once be seen that six not-too-large people can be seated in comfort. The Holden's compact appearance belies its considerable body space.

Good m.p.g.

The other surprising feature about the Holden is the excellent fuel consumption. During the test run a figure of a little more than 22 m.p.g. was obtained. The kerb weight of the car is 19 cwt 3 qr, and the engine is rated at 21.6 hp. Power-to-weight ratio of 1.08 rated horse-power per cwt (or 1.03 lb per c.c.) is largely responsible for the quality of liveliness noticeable in the car and for its remarkable fuel consumption.

The source of power is a conventional valve-in-head six-cylinder engine of 2.17-litre capacity, inherently balanced and rubber mounted, giving a marked absence of vibration. A down-draught Stromberg carburettor with air cleaner is fed by an AC booster-type fuel pump; manifold heat is automatically controlled.

The 8in dry-plate clutch is cushion-centred and gave a very pleasing demonstration of smooth engagement. The three-speed gear box, with synchromesh on top and second, controlled from the steering column, is silent.

In accordance with modern trends the body and chassis are of integral construction. Rubber seals line the door flanges and effectively exclude dust. Wide doors and a low floor level give ease of entry. All doors can be locked from inside and the passenger's front door unlocks from outside. Inside handles lift to open.

Safety glass is fitted to all windows and the V windscreen, also the curved glass rear window, in addition to the wind-up windows on the four doors triangular glass panels are fitted. The two 1in front pivot for ventilation.

Front Seating

Front seating is almost as wide as at the rear, and the one-piece front seat is adjustable. The seats are well sprung with inter-locked steel springs and are upholstered in leather.

The instruments are grouped on a raised panel in front of the driver, and include a speedometer.

The Holden is a powerful, economical car of good appearance and clearance.

There is, possibly, something more important about a red light than a needle flickering in the wrong place, but opinion on this matter is divided.

Slurter button, ignition lock, light switch, choke and hand throttle controls are grouped near the instruments. Below the panel of the scuttle ventilator are the horn, horn button, and on the right, an unusual type of pull-out parking brake.

Drivers may find this brake awkward to manage at first, but it is easy to manipulate when one knows how to do it, and it is of ample power. Provision has been made for a radio set to be fitted if desired.

The steering wheel has two wide horizontal spokes, with the horn button in the centre. The gear lever is placed to the left of the steering column, on the driver's side is a sunshield.

Head lamps are of the dipping sealed beam type, and are recessed in the front wings. The tail light, incorporating a stop light, is in the luggage locker lid, which is hinged at the top.

Ample Locker

The locker contains the spare wheel on its back wall, and is of ample capacity. Good access to the engine is obtained through the alligator bonnet, which opens from the front.

Under test the Holden demonstrated its smart pick-up and tractability. On good roads or rough corrugated surfaces up hill, and down dale, the performance was striding. Although driver and passengers are seated well down within the car all-round vision is good, and the ride, both in the front and in the back, is comfortable.

One of the most impressive qualities of the car is the ease with which high speed is reached and maintained.

The engine runs smoothly, and quietly during the acceleration tests. Through the gears from rest an indicated 40 m.p.h. was reached in 10 sec, and 60 m.p.h. in 14 sec.

The engine remained steady on top gear down to 4 m.p.h., and the speedometer reading of 80.

The Holden, cornered, wall, could be accurately placed on bends, and held the road at speed. On one hill which formed part of the test course it made light of the gradient and went over a rough, pot-holed section without lifting. To sum up, one felt that here was a car admirably suited to Australian conditions, one that one would welcome as a close acquaintance and the opportunity of putting it through its paces in the outback country. — The Autocar.

Sun Roof For Fixed Car Heads

Two interesting new Weatherhields products in the shape of a special "Perspex" roof fitting for fixed-head conversions, and a new seat cushion of particular merit in hot weather, were exhibited at the recent Motor Show.

The new roof fitting consists of a large, flash-fitting "Perspex" panel of about the same area as the aperture in a normal sliding roof, the centre portion carrying a sliding metal section which can be opened for ventilation.

Thus, the car occupants enjoy much the same benefits of a light interior, and improved visibility in hilly country, as a sliding roof offers but are not affected by weather, while the sliding panel (which provides an aperture of approximately 10 ins. square when fully opened) provides a considerable degree of added ventilation.

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Varying Costs

This Weatherhields Sunroof, as the fitting is known, can be applied to any existing fixed-head saloon or could be incorporated in the original body design by the manufacturers. Conversion costs vary according to the car concerned.

The Weatherhields Coolride Cushion takes the form of a connected pair of comparatively thin, shaped cushions which are simply laid in position on the normal seat with the back against the squab.

The interior consists of an ingenious form of interlocked co-spring mesh, covered with a non-clinging open-weave fabric, the whole being approximately one inch thick.

The particular advantage of this arrangement is that the driver is insulated from the actual car upholstery by a thin ventilated cushion, thus adding greatly to driving comfort in hot weather.

Owing to the fact that it is not in any way attached to the car and is designed to fit the occupant rather than the actual seat, only one standard size is required.

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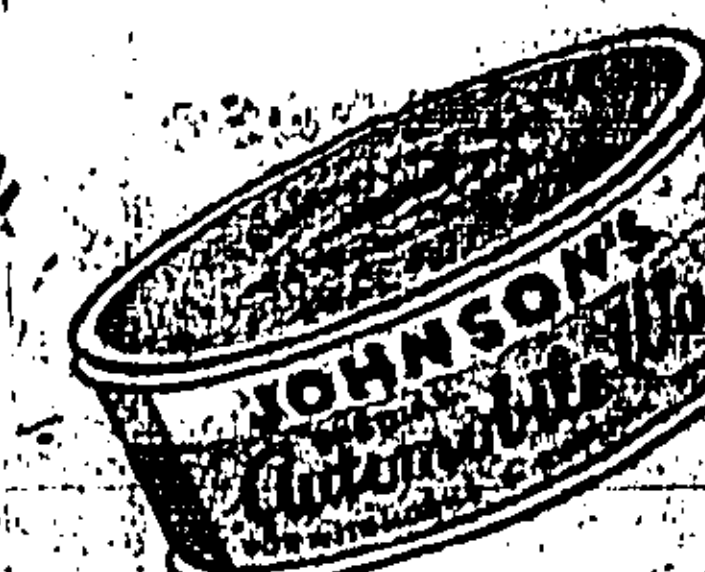
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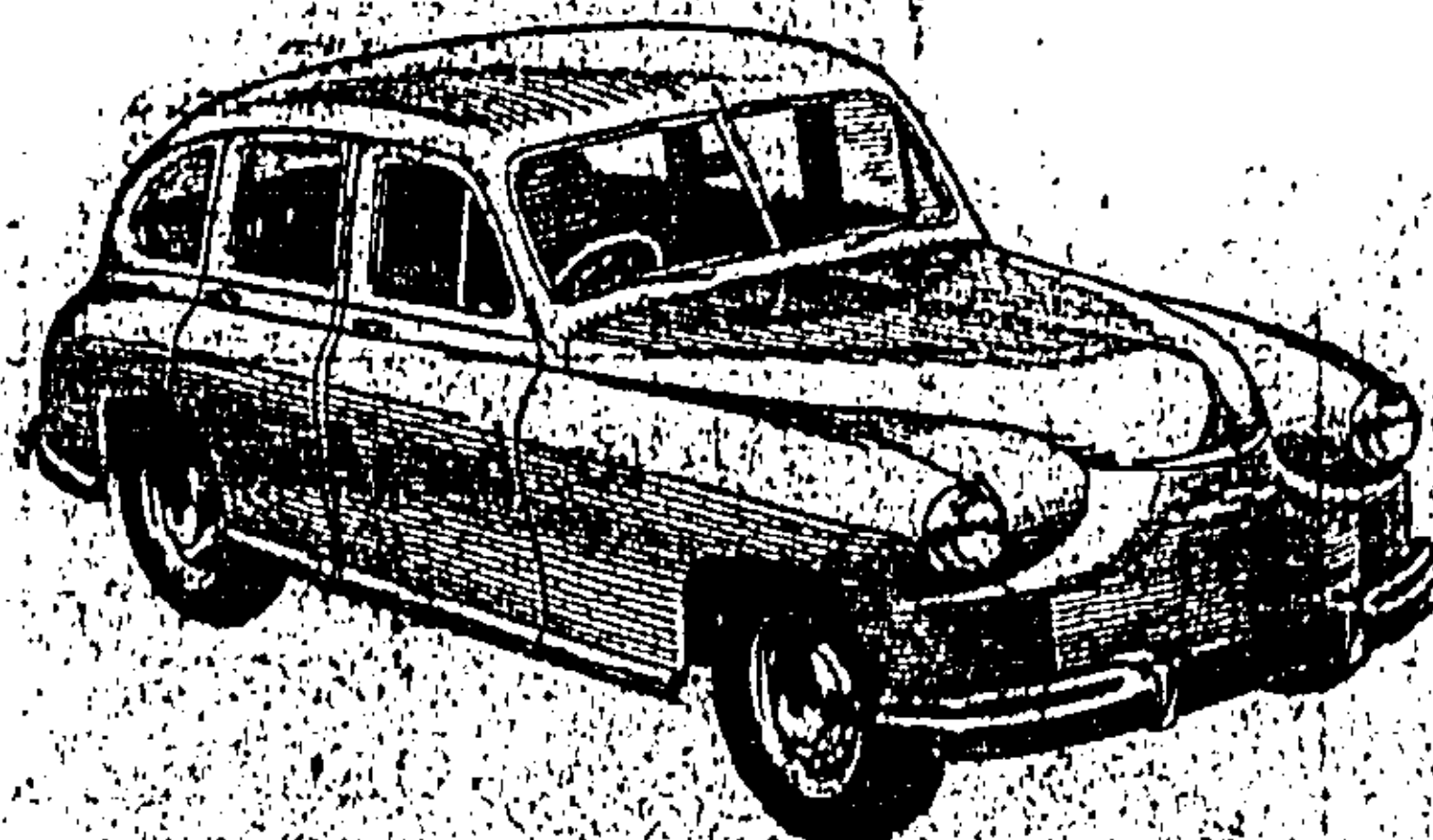
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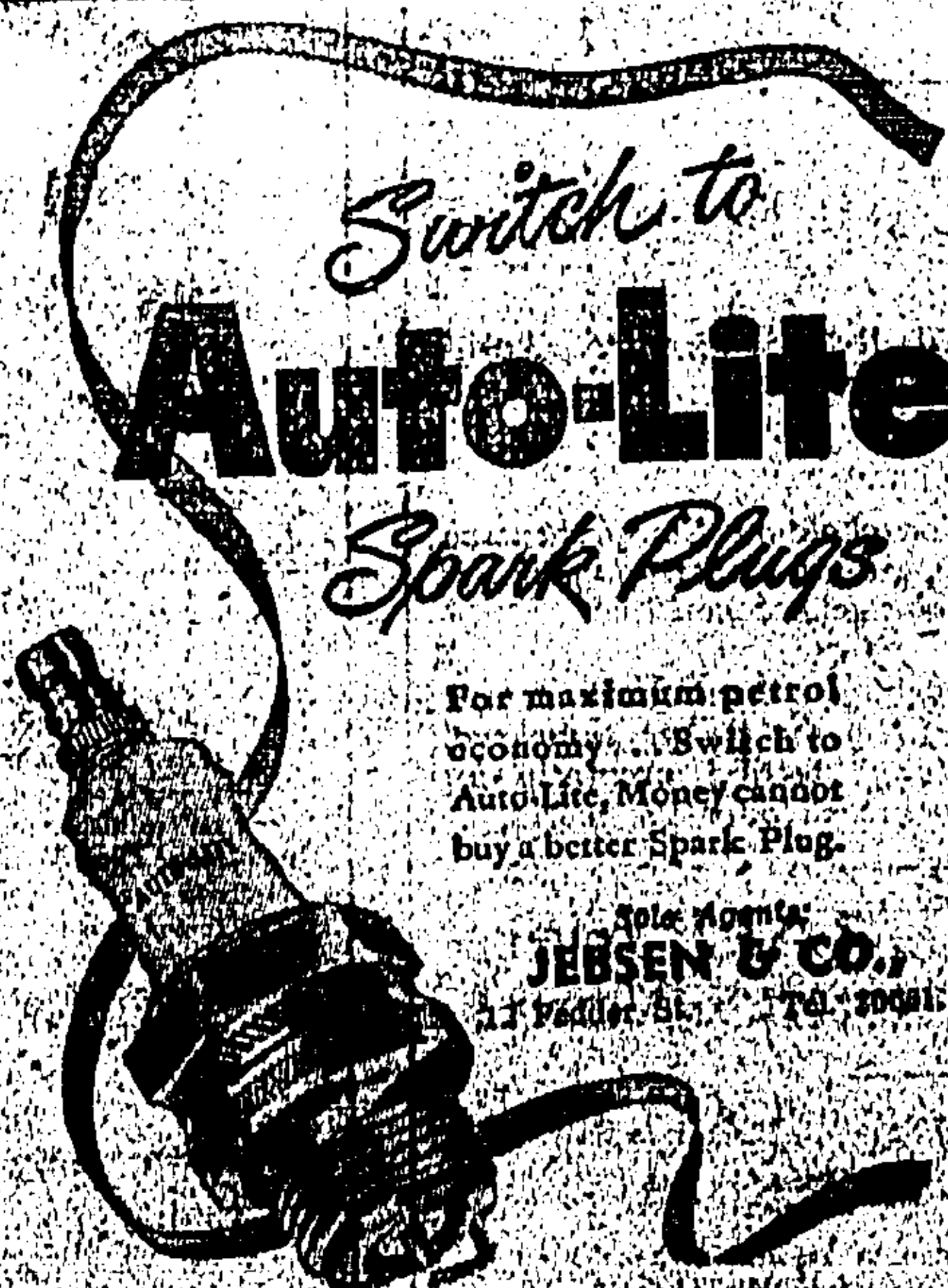
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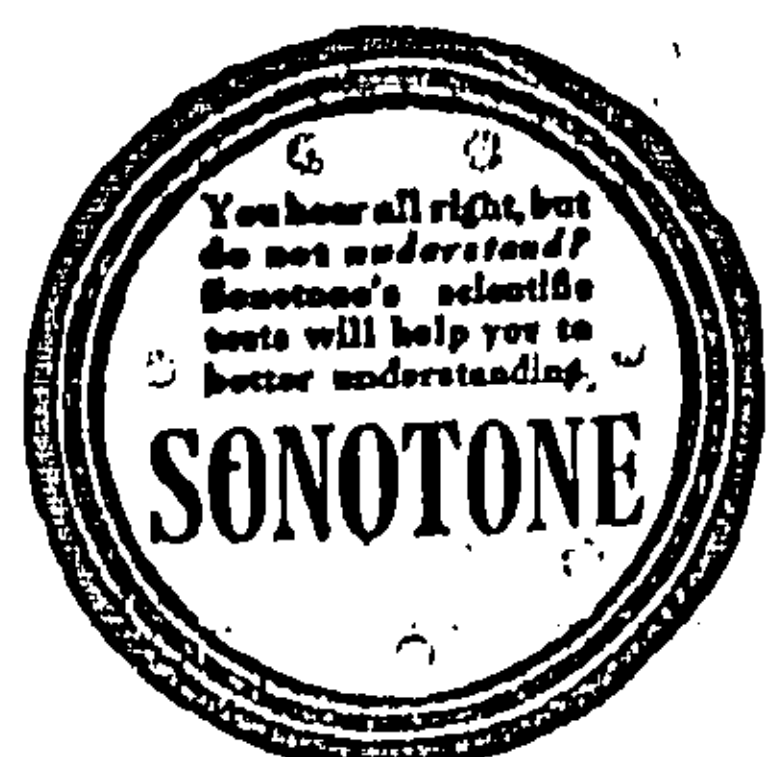


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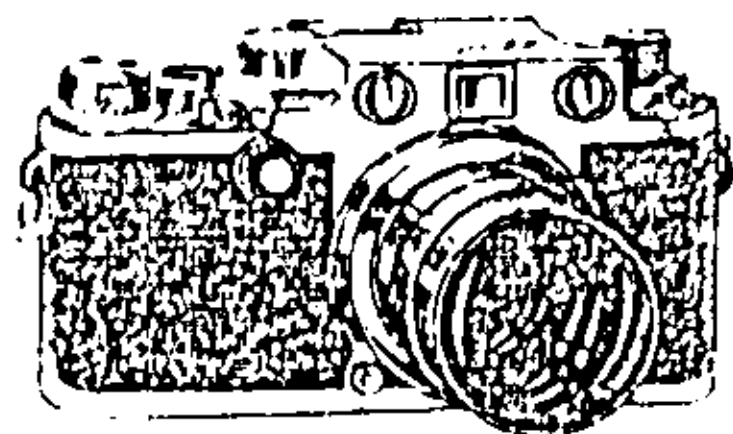
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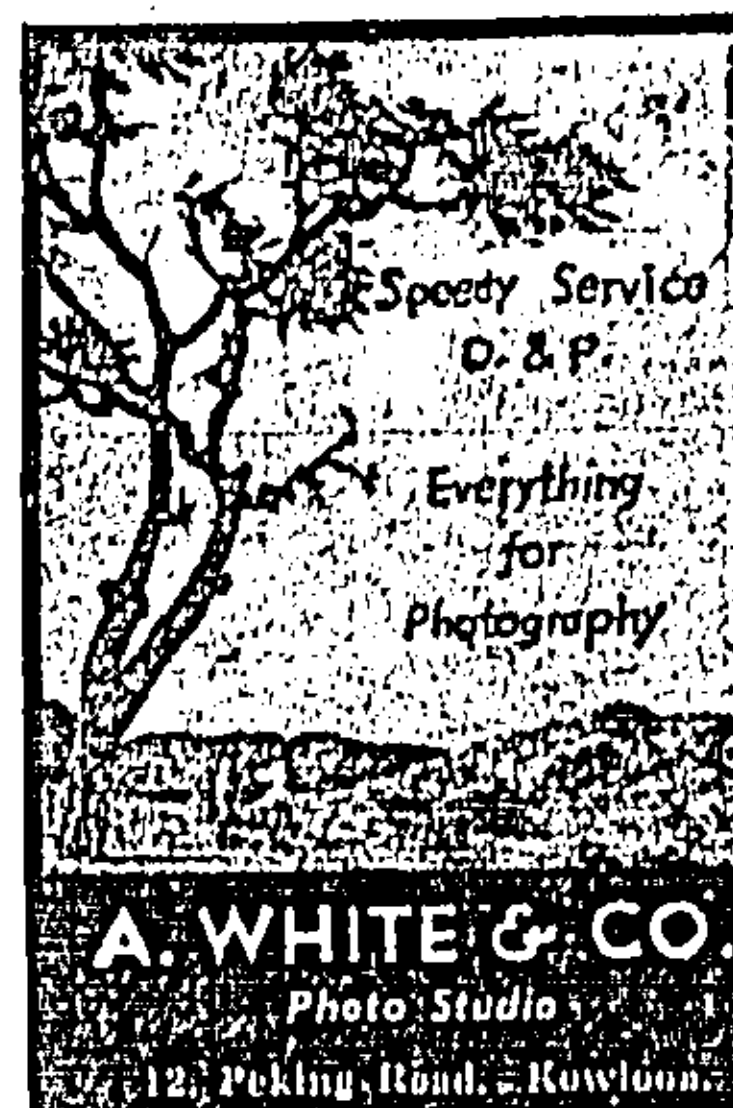
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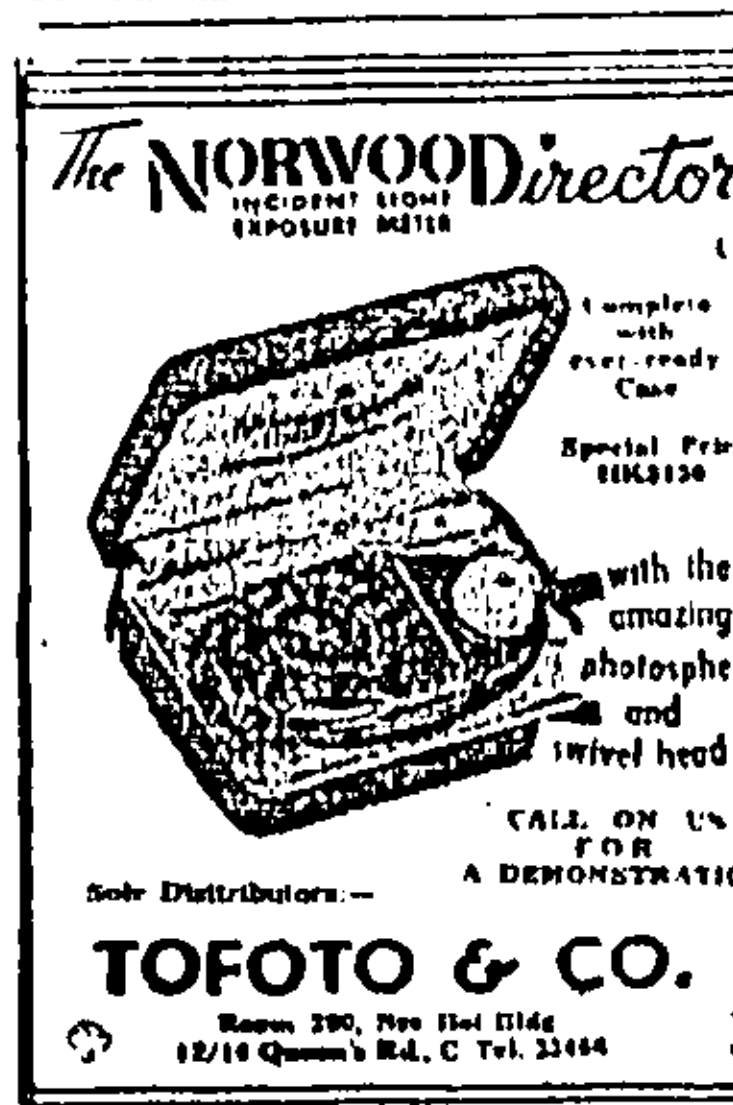


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THE pealing of church bells,
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Wesley to write the words
of *Hark! the Herald Angels
Sing*. Isaac Mendelssohn, whose
music was chosen for it, didn't
believe it would be popular! He
said, "I'm sure that piece will
never do as sacred music."



Good Chance For Growth Of Jap Democracy

Washington, December 15.
Lieutenant-Colonel D.R. Nugent, chief of the Civil
Information and Education Division of Allied
Headquarters in Tokyo, said today he believed
there was a good chance that democracy would
continue to grow in Japan even after the Oc-
cupation ends because most of the major
reforms since the surrender have been evolved
by the Japanese rather than imposed by their
conquerors.

Colonel Nugent, in a United Press interview, said
he thought this was especially true in the
educational field. He paid high tribute to
the work of the Japanese Educational Reform
Council and other Japanese who worked on
educational reform.

He said the fact that the
Japanese worked out most of the
reforms themselves gave them a
vested interest in continuation of
democratic methods and ex-
pansion of democratic pro-
cesses. He warned, however,
that Americans must not expect
to find Japanese democracy evol-
ving as an exact replica of Amer-
ican democracy.

He said: "Democracy must be
adapted to local situations and
that is what the Japanese them-
selves are doing."

Hopes For Future

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SCIENTIST PREDICTS

SUPER-ATOM BOMBS IN THE NEXT WAR

on the Japanese is now deep
enough that they would con-
tinue the process of evolution
toward the best system of de-
mocracy for them.

Colonel Nugent has been here
attending the Occupied Areas
Re-orientation conference of the
American Council on Education.

Admitting the Japanese still
had a long way to go before they
could be considered a thoroughly
democratic country, Colonel
Nugent nevertheless opined they
have been given a sufficient start
on the right track and a suffi-
cient desire to carry on so that
the process would continue even
after the Occupation ends.

Colonel Nugent is to leave
Washington today by air for San
Francisco where he will spend
about one day before taking off
on Friday for Tokyo via Hon-
olulu. While in San Francisco
he intends to inspect the newly
created reception and distribu-
tion centre set up by SCAP to
take care of the influx of Japa-
nese students and leaders who
will come to the United States
for study and observation.

Colonel Nugent was accom-
panied to the United States by
Shigeru Nambu, president of
Tokyo University. Nambu will
not return with Colonel Nugent
but remain here a while longer
for visits to various educational
institutions.—United Press.

Washington, December 15.
**Dr. Harold C. Urey said today that the third world
war will possibly be fought with atomic bombs
1,000 times more powerful than the present
models.**

This is inevitable unless the democratic nations
form a "super-government" within five years,
Dr. Urey said.

The noted atomic scientist
here to address the meeting of
the Atlantic Union Com-
mittee, said flatly that world
control of the atom bomb is
impossible.

The only way to save de-
mocratic institutions, the Chicago
physicist told a news conference,
is for the nations who believe in
them to form a federal govern-
ment for defence against "Rus-
sian dictatorship."

He voiced the belief that the
North Atlantic nations, by "an
enormous unbalance of power,"
could keep Russia from breaking
the peace.

Dr. Urey and the Atlantic Union
Committee are supporting Con-
gressional resolutions calling on
the United States to sponsor a
convention of the Western de-
mocracies to explore the feasibil-
ity of a "Free Federal Union."
This "super-government"
would handle military and for-

sign affairs and international
trade matters affecting all
member states.

10-Year-War

Dr. Urey said that Democratic
Senator Walter George has given
an assurance that hearings will be
held in January on the federal
convention introduced in the last
session by Democratic Senator
Ester Kefauver and endorsed by
some 20 other senators.

The man who helped to develop
the American atomic bomb doubts
that the American people are
willing at present to underwrite a
federal constitution governing
the Atlantic states.

But, he asserted, they are in
favour of exploring the idea.

Urey said that his organiza-
tion had given itself 5 years in
which to forestall a third world
war.

Another war will break out
only when both Russia and the
United States think they have

Americans May Accept More Taxes

Key West, December 15.
William Boyle, chairman
of the Democratic National
Committee, arrived here to-
day from a conference with
President Truman and said
he believed the people would
accept higher taxes if the
President considered them
necessary.

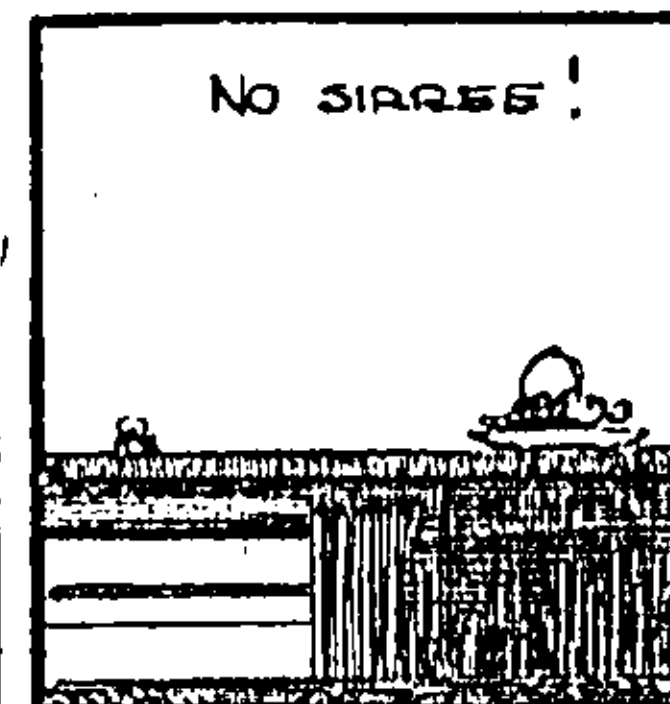
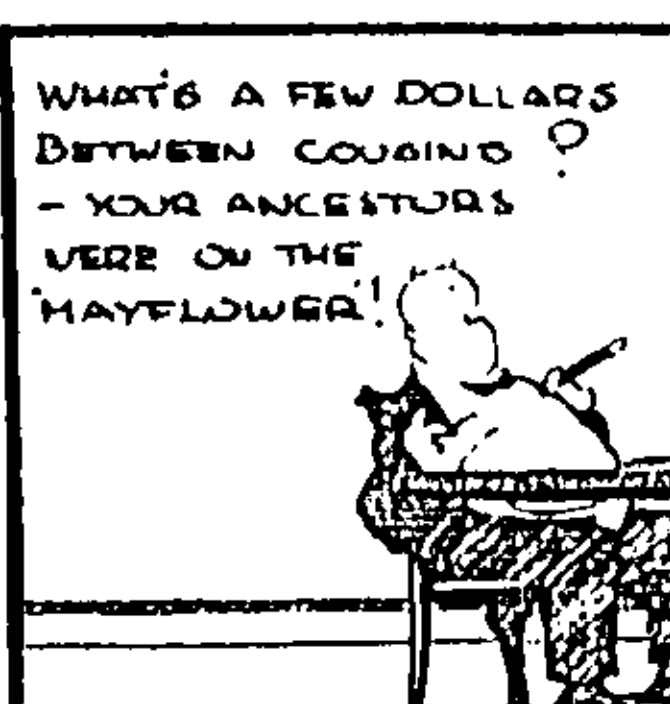
The President himself talked
with newsmen earlier in the day
about taxes. He said govern-
ment experts were studying the
possible repeal of the excise tax,
but had not yet reached a deci-
sion. As for basic changes in the
overall Federal tax structure, the
President told reporters to wait
for his January budget message.

Mr. Boyle came here to discuss
what he called general political
matters with the President this
afternoon. He will return to
Miami late today and will speak
there at a Jefferson-Jackson Day
dinner.

Mr. Boyle said he thought
President Truman's position with
the people of the nation was
stronger today even than it was
in November 1948, when he de-
feated Thomas Dewey for the
Presidency.—United Press.

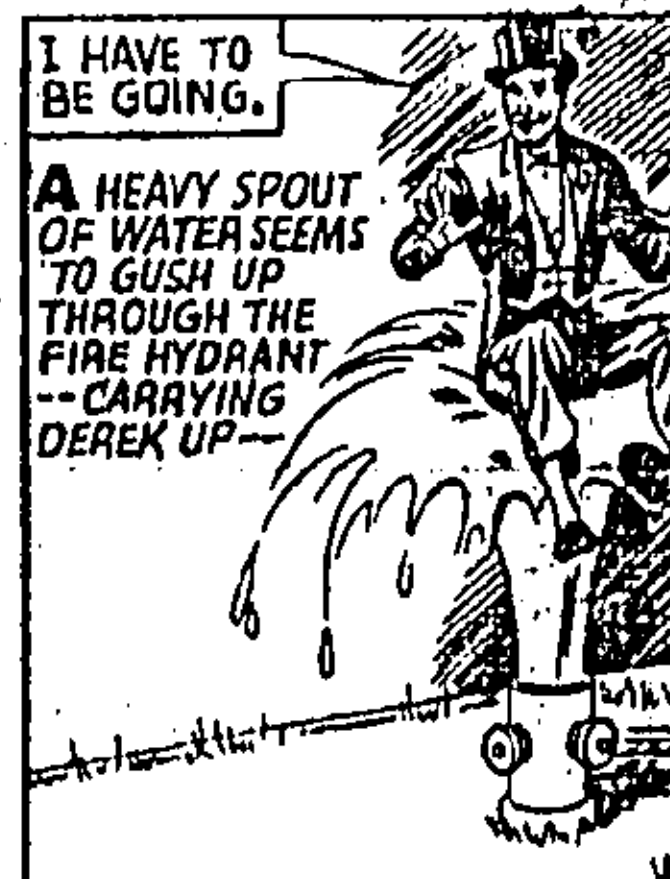
adequate supplies of atomic
bombs, he said.
He predicted that such a war
would last 10 years.—United
Press.

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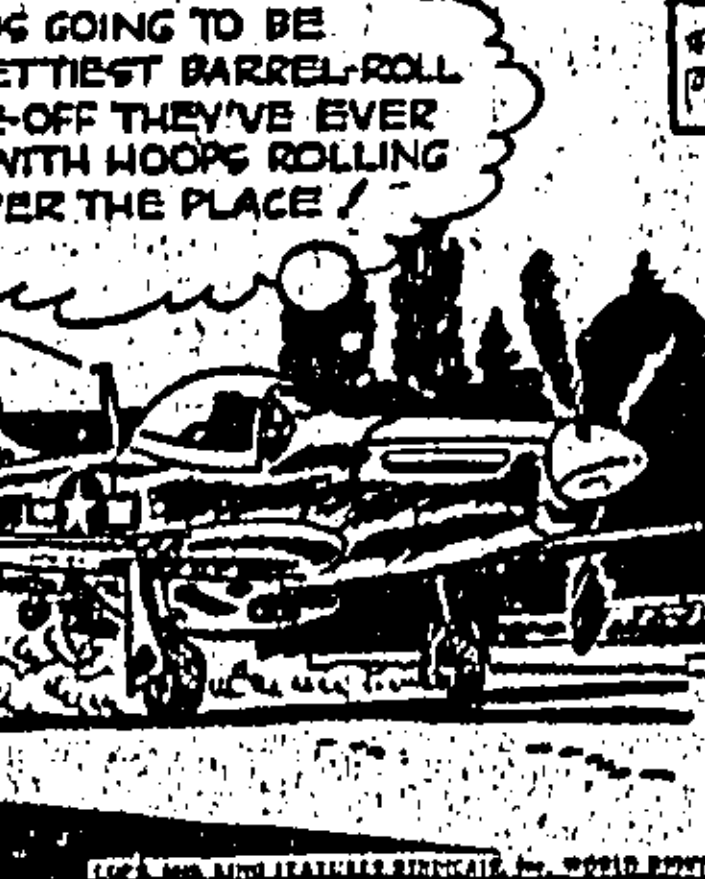
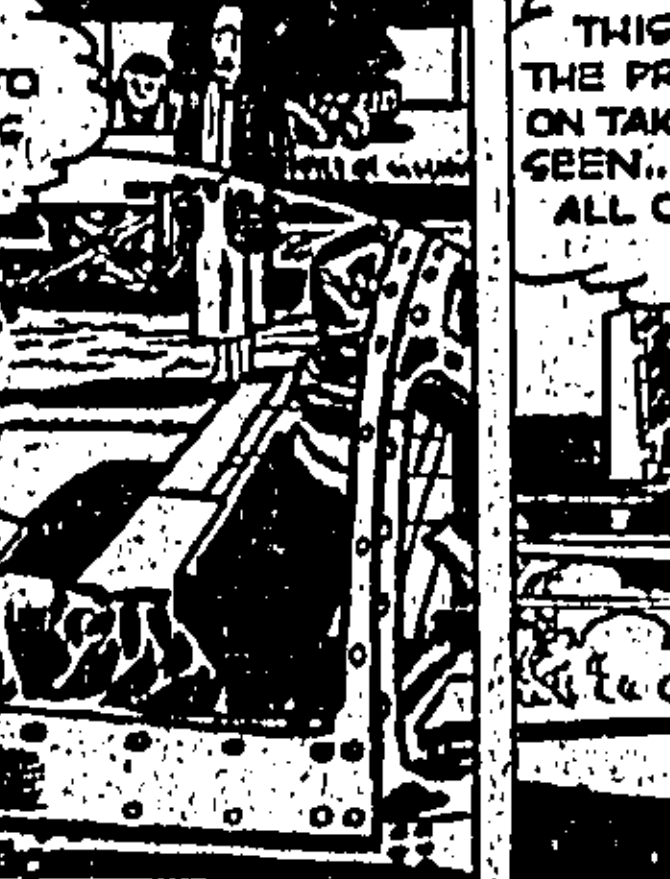
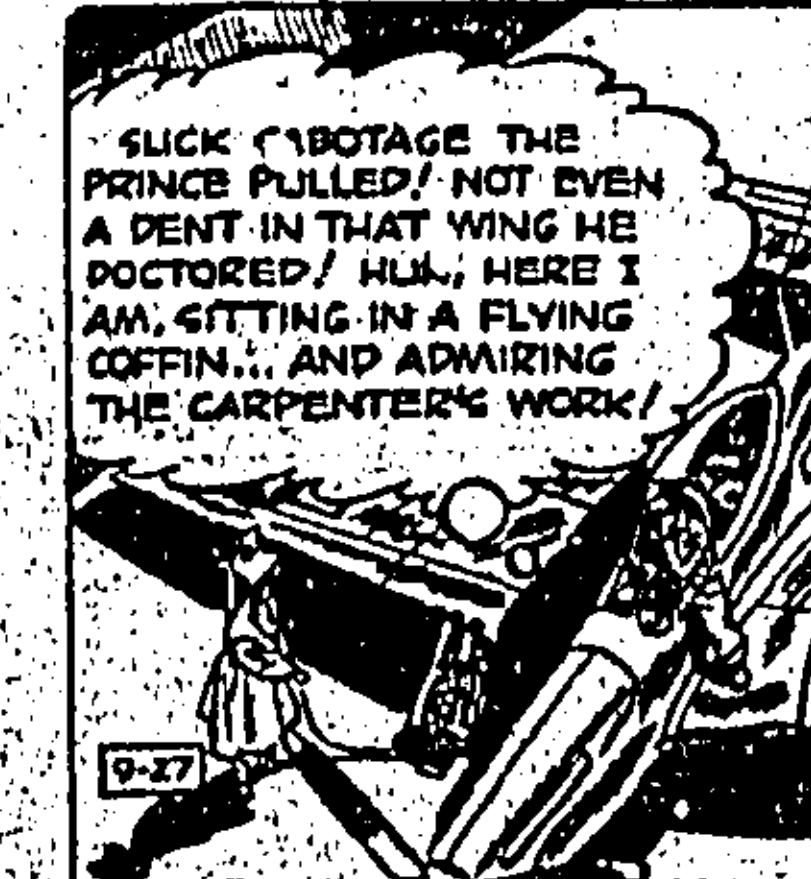
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5.15—"Top of the Bill" (H.K.T.)

5.30—"Much Binding in the Marsh" (H.K.T.)

6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme by H.K.T.

6.02—"Unit Requests"—Linda Cater (Studio)

6.04—"World News and News Analysis" (London Relay)

7.15—"Saturday Round-Up" (Studio)

7.30—"Variety Round-Up"—from the Cambridge Theatre (London Relay)

8.00—"From the Editor's Desk" (London Relay)

8.15—"Sports Results"

8.15—"Recalled by John Hammond" (Studio)

8.30—"Time for Music"—BBC Melodrama Light Orchestra conducted by Herbert Viner (H.K.T.)

9.00—"The Lady"—A Detective Novel by Lester Kinsell (H.K.T.)

9.30—"Echoes from the Theatre" (Studio)

10.00—"Class News"—Real (London Relay)

10.15—"Weather Report"

10.15—"Cabaret"—Dance Music

11.15—"Weather Report, World and Home News"—from Britain (Recorded London Relay)

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Reinforcements Rushed To Fight Moros

Manila, December 16.

Constabulary casualties in yesterday's encounter with a group of Moro outlaws on Jolo Island were reduced to 14 dead and eight wounded as stragglers returned during the night, headquarters here said.

The Constabulary today rushed reinforcements to the area near the city and mountain of Luuk on the Eastern end of Jolo, where fighting with an estimated 1,000 Moro tribesmen under Chief Manlon has been in progress for more than a week.

These details were contained in reports to Constabulary headquarters here: A patrol of two officers and 12 enlisted men were scouting the mountain side yesterday afternoon.

Larceny Of Government Rice

Police witnesses gave evidence of the alleged delivery and storing of rice at the continued hearing of the larceny of Government rice case before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday.

Charged are Ho Wai-lam, defended by Mr. Marcus da Silva, Ho Tin-sing, defended by Mr. E. S. C. Cumber, Cheung Kwan and Cheung Lun, not legally represented.

A Police witness, Chau Leung, a lorry driver, told the court that he was approached by several men in a car at the junction of Canton and Jordan Road and asked by a "fat man" to be engaged. The man, witness said, required three lorries. But as he, witness, had only one available, this went on the job first. Witness said that the "fat man" had told him that the job was to take delivery of rice from a godown.

Chau, continuing, said that on arrival at the godown in Canton Road, he saw rice being loaded into his truck. He then went to telephone his garage for the two additional trucks to be engaged.

Ho Kin-cheong, accountant of the Sung Hang Rice Mill, stated that fourth defendant, Cheung Lun, came into his mill and asked for 40 bags of rice to be stored there. Cheung said that previous to that occasion, Cheung had been seen by him in the mill chatting with his folks.

Hearing was adjourned at this stage to 9.30 a.m. on December 19.

New Train Schedule

The Kowloon-Canton Railway, British Section, announced yesterday that beginning today an evening train from Kowloon to Sheung Shui will be introduced in place of the present rail-bus.

This train will leave Kowloon daily at 8.20 p.m. calling at all stations and arriving Sheung Shui 9.10 p.m.

The daily railbus from Fanning is also to be replaced by a train, and for the convenience of residents in Sheung Shui the train will start from Sheung Shui at 8.15 a.m., calling at Fanning at 8.17 a.m. and stopping at all other stations to Kowloon where it is due at 9.05 a.m.

Only 1st and 2nd class bookings will be allowed on the two trains. New Territory residents should patronize these trains as they have been put on specially because of the recent heavy demands on the railbus.

The latter has usually been full and in order to accommodate those passengers who have been shut out from the railbus, the Railway authorities in the desire to serve the public, are giving a trial to these two trains.

Telephone Co. Annual Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Telephone Company, Limited will be held on December 30.

The profit for the year 1940 is \$1,159,553.13 which, after deducting \$20,941.73 in respect of adjustments for past years and adding the balance of \$7,322.93 transferred from the Dividend Equalization Reserve of \$225,000, leaves an amount of \$1,165,934.33 available for appropriation.

The Directors have recommended that this be appropriated as follows: To Sinking Fund (Installment transferred Capital Reserve), \$52,577.00.

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To Pay a dividend of \$1.20 per share less the dividend on the paid up capital of the Company, \$804,344.04.

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noon when an overpowering force of Moros opened heavy rifle and automatic weapons fire from an ambush. A large number of Moros poured a murderous hail of bullets from the tops of palm trees and other trees. Within a short time the entire patrol was wiped out. The bodies have not been recovered.

First reports listed a third officer with the patrol, who was later ascertained to be on another mission and escaped.

A few kilometers away, another larger patrol was attacked in similar fashion an hour later. The second patrol was in a better location for defence but was pinned to the ground until after darkness.

Eight Wounded

Eight enlisted men of the second patrol were wounded in the early stages of the fight. The wounded men came out first and reported their companions missing and presumably dead. However, during the night all the missing men, including a major and a lieutenant, slipped back through the jungles to the nearest base, according to the reports to the Constabulary headquarters here.

Reports from Manila newspaper correspondents on Jolo placed Constabulary casualties much higher.

News of the ambush of the Constabulary brought some adverse comment from experienced military leaders in the armed forces. There have been complaints by trained military men on the conduct of operations by Constabulary units. A move at present is afoot to place the Constabulary under army control.

The Sulu Province Mohammedan tribesmen (Moros) have long been a thorn in the side of pacification forces in the Philippines. The Constabulary originally were organized more than 40 years ago by the United States for the primary purpose of subduing the Moros who took with disfavour on attempts to subject them to central authority.

There have been recent reports that international arms smugglers have been active in the area, supplying the Moros with modern automatic arms. Several times mysterious unidentified boats have been sighted near the Sulu Islands. Associated Press.

PAI ASKED TO TAKE OVER PREMIERSHIP

(Continued From Page 1)

Quoting survivors who escaped the killing, the radio broadcast said:

"The last and most horrible massacre occurred at midnight on November 27, three days before the city fell."

Some 35 top political prisoners were killed first. "Then, the Kuomintang went from cell to cell and killed the more than 200 prisoners with automatic guns. After this, the Kuomintang burned the prison with all the corpses inside. At another spot... 32 were shot to death on the same night."

The broadcast did not explain where or how the rest of the "more than 500" were killed.

It said others killed were "Hwang Hsien Sheng, former commander of Chang Hsueh Liang and once Kuomintang army commander; Chou Chun Shih, noted scientist and former President of Tung Chi University in Shanghai; Wang Pai Yu, former Chungking publisher, and many students, journalists and writers as well as Communist Party members."

CANADIAN CABINET MINISTERS TO VISIT JAPAN

Tokyo, December 16.

Two Canadian Cabinet ministers will arrive in Tokyo on January 25 with group of other high-ranking officials for a three-day visit. Mr. E. H. Norman, head of the Canadian mission in Japan, announced today.

The ministers are: Mr. L. B. Pearson, Minister for External Affairs, and Mr. R. Mayhew, Minister of Fisheries. The party will fly to Japan en route from Colombo at the conclusion of the Commonwealth conference in January. It will be the first visit by a Canadian of Cabinet rank to Japan since the end of the war and the first time a Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs will ever have visited Japan. Reuters.

Rediffusion

7.00—Up With The Sun.	7.15—Setting Up Exercises.	7.30—Musical Clock.	7.45—The Ransom Light Programme.	8.00—News And Weather Forecast.	8.15—Musical By Magnolia.	8.30—Morning Music.	9.30—Console & Keyboard.	10.00—Music For All.	11.00—Morning Music.	11.30—Parade Of Rhythm.	P.M.	12.00—Financial and World News.	12.15—Strike Up The Band.	12.30—Dance Music.	1.15—News.	1.30—The Week's Composer.	2.00—Vagary Calls The Tune.	2.30—Newsline Trio.	3.00—Music Of Old Spain.	4.00—Vocally Yours.	5.00—Music Makers.	5.15—Singing Sisters.	5.30—Much Binding in the Marsh.	6.01—Unit Requests.	7.00—B.B.C. News.	7.15—"At The Opera".	7.45—The Chatterbox Programme.	8.00—"Ten Time".	8.30—Sports Roundup.	8.45—"Let's Wait".	9.00—B.B.C. News.	9.10—Local News.	9.15—Bridges and Chorus.	9.30—Rediffusion Hit Parade.	10.00—Presenting Joy Nichols—an Australian Programme.	10.15—"Ring Up The Curtain".	11.15—Cyril Ripstein and his Orchestra.	12.00—Closes Down.
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Rehabilitation Of Marsman Gold Mines

Mr. C. C. Blake, honorary secretary of the Association of Hong Kong Stockholders in Marsman-operated Philippine Gold Mines, reviewed progress made by the Association in securing the rehabilitation of the mines at a meeting at the Hong Kong Stock Exchange yesterday.

Mr. A. Velilla, general secretary of Marsman Incorporated of the Philippines, explained to the stock holders present why Marsman and Company originally lent to Marsman subsidiaries monies made available for the mines' rehabilitation by the War Damage Commission of the United States.

The stock holders attending included N. V. A. Croucher, P. B. Botelho, A. Hillary, E. Lammert, T. B. Wilson, H. Graye, A. da Silva and P. Z. Xavier.

Mr. Botelho told the Marsman representative that the Hong Kong Association was formed to protect the interests of Hong Kong holders of Philippine gold mine stocks which were managed by Mr. John Marsman's company.

He said the Hong Kong stock holders were surprised at the action of Mr. John Marsman in lending to his own subsidiary companies US\$800,000 which the War Damage Commission had handed over to him to rehabilitate the mines in question.

In reply Mr. Velilla said Mr. John Marsman proposes to rehabilitate the mines soon, but in the meantime, because of the inadequacy of the amount, he closed his authority to put the money in productive endeavour.

Mr. Botelho said Mr. Marsman had no authority to do this without referring the matter to stock holders.

Concert At Service Club

The Hong Kong Light Orchestra will give a concert at the Nine Dragons Services Club on December 21, at 9 p.m. for the benefit of the Forces.

The concert will include a number of selections which the Light Orchestra will play at the Hong Kong Hotel where a Christmas Concert will be given tomorrow.

The Christmas Concert will be similar to that which met with great success last year.

A feature of the concert is the Carol Choir of some 100 singers conducted by Victor Arty who will also lead the orchestra.

Another highlight of the Light Orchestra's programme in the Hong Kong Hotel is the appearance of Richard Lin, one of the Colony best known vocalists.

The Christmas Concert may be obtained at Montreux's and also at the Hong Kong Hotel.

The Orchestra will present a programme of light orchestral music as follows:—March "Knightsbridge" (In Town Tonight) From the London Suite by Eric Coates; "Christmas Overture" S. Coleridge-Taylor; "Val's Triste" from Arvid Jarnfeldt; Drama Kuoma by Jean Sibelius; "Clair de Lune" Debussy; Selection "Gipsy Love" Franz Lehár; "Savoy Christmas Medley" arranged Dobry Somers; Musical Sketch "Gipsy Patsy" W. H. Middleton; "Procession of the Sardar" No. 14 The Caucasian Sketches N. N. Ippolitov-Ivanov; Selection "Student Prince" Edmund Romberg.

SINO-BRITISH CLUB CONCERT

A programme of classical music was greatly enjoyed by the audience last night at St. Stephen's College where the Sino-British Club Orchestra gave its second concert of the 1940/41 season.

A concert was to be given by a number of vocal soloists owing to unforeseen circumstances relevant to accommodation; the concert had to be cancelled. The concert yesterday was ably conducted by Dr. S. M. Bard and a number of vocal soloists were given by Harry Talbot, well-known local baritone.

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New York Stock Exchange

New York, December 16.
Oil stocks gripped the way for a late rally in the stock market today. Last hour demand lifted many issues from the minus to the plus side and the net result was a small margin of gains over losses. Oils surged far ahead of the balance of the market, with gains ranging as high as 7 points.

Dealers linked the interest in oil to reports of a sharp decline in visible supply of heating oils. Transfers were 2,070,000 shares.

Among the gainers were Superior Oil of Calif., Amerind Petroleum, Skelly Oil, Richfield Oil, Seaboard Oil, Plymouth Oil, Paramount Pictures, Warner Brothers, Loews, Twentieth Century-Fox, Fidelity, Retail Drug, and Curtis Wright.

Only one issue among the 13 most active stocks finished lower. Consolidated Mining, down 1/4 at 1-3/4.

Stimulus on the general list included Santa Fe, Phelps Dodge, Dow Jones averages: Stocks 91.20, Industrials 100.05, 15 Bonds 51.55, 10 Utilities 40.70.

Closing quotations:
Adams Express 22
Alaska Juneau 3 1/2
American Can 102
Smelting 55 1/2
Telephone 140 1/2
Tobacco 74 1/2
Waterworks 75 1/2
Anaconda 60 1/2
Aviation Corp 6 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive 10 1/2
Barnsdall 5 1/2
Bendix Aviation 37 1/2
Bethlehem Steel 32 1/2
Boeing Aircraft 23 1/2
Borden Co. 40 1/2
Canadian Pacific 14 1/2
C. I. Case 40 1/2
Chrysler 64 1/2
Columbia 41 1/2
Commercial Solvents 19 1/2
Coca-Cola 68 1/2
Du Pont 60 1/2
Eastman Kodak 47 1/2
General Electric 41
Motors 70
Goodrich 60 1/2
Goodyear 49 1/2
Homestead Mining 44 1/2
International Harvester 20 1/2
Paper 68 1/2
Tel & Tel 9 1/2
Johns Manville 47 1/2
Kennecott Copper 51 1/2
Montgomery Ward 54 1/2
National Distillers 22 1/2
Lead 37
New York Central 10 1/2
Packard Motors 3 1/2
Pan American Airways 8 1/2
Pennsylvania RR 15 1/2
Radio Corp. 12 1/2
Republic Steel 23 1/2
Reynolds Tobacco 38
Schenley 31
Sears Roebuck 43 1/2
Shell Oil 37 1/2
Socomec Vacuum 17
Southern Pacific 49 1/2
Standard Brands 21 1/2
OH of Calif. 60 1/2
OH of N. Y. 70
Studebaker 24 1/2
Union Carbide 27 1/2
US Rubber 37 1/2
Steel 20 1/2
Lines 15 1/2
Westinghouse 31 1/2
Youngstown Sheet & Tube 77 1/2
Gen. Pub. Utilities 10 1/2
Rail bonds improved. Among curb gainers were Cities Service, Humble Oil, Lone Star Gas and Bunker Hill Mining—Associated Press.

Money Market

Continuing the up-grade US dollar yesterday's advance, HK\$100 after opening at \$0.55. At the close the rate was \$0.60. TT touched HK\$171 at the peak but eased off to \$0.67 at the close. The opening rate was \$0.63. Sterling went up to HK\$16.50 after opening at \$16.20. Australian pounds were stationary at HK\$12.50. Philippine pesos again nominal at HK\$13.30 at 100. These were unchanged at HK\$12.70 and 100, and closed at \$22.00. NEI Guilders opened at HK\$12.70 and 100, and closed at \$22.00.



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Marsman Company Annual Meeting

Working results of Marsman (Hong Kong) China, Limited for the year ending April 30, 1940, were an improvement on the previous year, and represented a creditable advance in the Company's post-war recovery.

This statement was made by Mr. T. B. Wilson who presided at the annual meeting of the Company at their offices in Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building yesterday.

Presenting the report and accounts of the Company to shareholders, Mr. Wilson said: "The net profit amounted to £2,022 or HK\$155,000—which is quite an improvement as compared with £2,420 or HK\$30,000 for the previous year."

"This result was again adversely affected by our quarry operations at Morrison Hill which we are working under contract with the PWD and on account of unusually difficult conditions as well as PWD contract rates which were set too low, our deliveries of stone to them have been down at a loss. In recent months by increased production, allowing sales at market prices to the public in addition to the PWD deliveries, we have reduced the deficit in this department."

"We are in negotiation with the PWD and trust that an increase of rates will be granted. "Our construction contract have proved to be most important, this department showing a net profit of HK\$118,000 for the fiscal year. Three of the larger projects were started in mid-1940 with the most recent in March 1940 and will be brought to completion during the first quarter in 1950."

"We had hoped in the meantime to obtain additional work but were not successful on the bid recently made for the Kai Tak re-surfacing, the contract having been placed with a company registered outside the Colony. In general it also appears that several sizable construction projects may not now be undertaken as quickly as originally intended."

"However, an early adjustment of political conditions in China may result in renewed interest by the principals."

Hopes for Future
"Early this year the volume of work being carried on required the employment of additional operating staff, and Colonel J. D. Ross was brought in as Manager of the Construction Department. Mr. Stapler also came to the Company as Managing Director, and at that time we had plans for expansion of both our trading and engineering activities into South China, where we had done extensive preliminary investigation before the war. Recent events in China will prevent this and in view of present conditions and its work in hand is completed, reductions in engineering staff have already been made, and will be continued as found necessary, pending such time as new contracts are obtained."

"On the trading side although a loss resulted for the fiscal year ending April 30, we have hope that a more profitable outcome will result when conditions in China improve and more actively develops for the industrial engineering and equipment lines in which we are interested."

"There was little if any change in the written down values carried on the balance sheet. Recently there has been an increase in the market value of the 1,370,000 shares we hold in Philippine Mining Companies managed by Marsman."

"As at April 30 we had invested

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No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hong Kong Stock Exchange

Business this week has again been on a small scale with prices fluctuating up and down but within a very narrow compass. The transactions have been of a selective nature and, in the main, confined to the hardy perennial. There has not been a good demand for Asia Navigation, Shanghai Dockyards and Yungtze Finances, all of which show considerable appreciation.

The Directors of Hong Kong Telephone have announced a dividend for 1940 of \$1.20 less tax.

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H.K. Hotels 10 1/2
Chinese Estates 10 1/2

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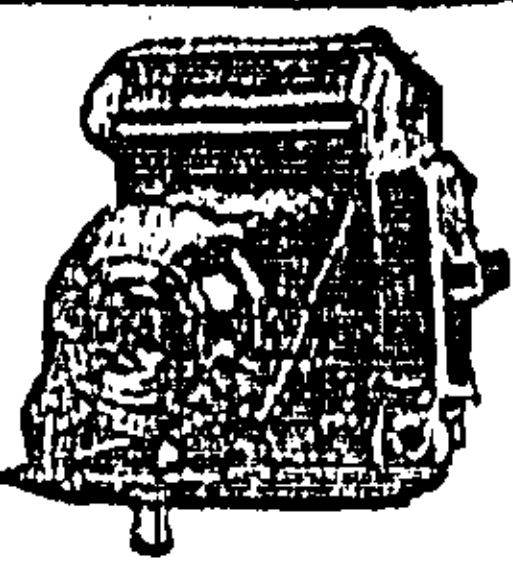
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Autumn Champions Main Attraction On Race Programme Of Eight Events

(By "RAPIER")

The Twelfth Race Meeting, to be held this afternoon at the Valley, will ring down the curtain on the 1949 racing season, held under the auspices of the Hong Kong Jockey Club. With the completion of today's meeting, it will mean the end of another year of most enjoyable racing and I anticipate that the keen interest which has been so manifest among racegoers during the past few meetings will again be in full evidence this afternoon, when a good attendance should turn out to witness what will probably be the best racing of the year.

The Hong Kong Autumn Champions will form the main attraction on a programme of eight events and keen racing should result.

Among the events on the programme, the 1 1/2 mile Handicap (First Section) over the 1 1/2 mile course, will be the main attraction. This race is held annually and is one of the most important events on the racing calendar. It is a test of stamina and speed, and is always a popular event with the racegoers. The winner of this race will be the Autumn Champion. The race will be run at 2.00 p.m. sharp.

The 1 1/2 mile Handicap (Second Section) will be run at 2.30 p.m. sharp. This race is also a popular event and is a test of stamina and speed. The winner of this race will be the Autumn Champion. The race will be run at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

The 1 1/2 mile Handicap (Third Section) will be run at 3.00 p.m. sharp. This race is also a popular event and is a test of stamina and speed. The winner of this race will be the Autumn Champion. The race will be run at 3.00 p.m. sharp.

The 1 1/2 mile Handicap (Fourth Section) will be run at 3.30 p.m. sharp. This race is also a popular event and is a test of stamina and speed. The winner of this race will be the Autumn Champion. The race will be run at 3.30 p.m. sharp.

The 1 1/2 mile Handicap (Fifth Section) will be run at 4.00 p.m. sharp. This race is also a popular event and is a test of stamina and speed. The winner of this race will be the Autumn Champion. The race will be run at 4.00 p.m. sharp.

The 1 1/2 mile Handicap (Sixth Section) will be run at 4.30 p.m. sharp. This race is also a popular event and is a test of stamina and speed. The winner of this race will be the Autumn Champion. The race will be run at 4.30 p.m. sharp.

The 1 1/2 mile Handicap (Seventh Section) will be run at 5.00 p.m. sharp. This race is also a popular event and is a test of stamina and speed. The winner of this race will be the Autumn Champion. The race will be run at 5.00 p.m. sharp.

The 1 1/2 mile Handicap (Eighth Section) will be run at 5.30 p.m. sharp. This race is also a popular event and is a test of stamina and speed. The winner of this race will be the Autumn Champion. The race will be run at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

The 1 1/2 mile Handicap (Ninth Section) will be run at 6.00 p.m. sharp. This race is also a popular event and is a test of stamina and speed. The winner of this race will be the Autumn Champion. The race will be run at 6.00 p.m. sharp.

The 1 1/2 mile Handicap (Tenth Section) will be run at 6.30 p.m. sharp. This race is also a popular event and is a test of stamina and speed. The winner of this race will be the Autumn Champion. The race will be run at 6.30 p.m. sharp.

"Rapier's" Selections For Today

Race No. 1 Final Handicap (First Section): From The Two Mile Post Once Round & In.
ARGUS II
KINGSTON
PACIFIC

Race No. 2 Last Chance Handicap (First Section): From The 1 1/2 Mile Post.
WINDERMERE
EPINARD
KWONG LEUNG

Race No. 3 Laggards Handicap (First Section): From The Two Mile Post Once Round & In.
MANIAC
JEEP SHING
SEAFIRE

Race No. 4 Last Chance Handicap (Second Section): From The 1 1/2 Mile Post.
SKYMASTER
BASHFUL BEAUTY
ARABIAN DAGGER

Race No. 5 Hong Kong Autumn Champions: One And A Quarter Mile.
PAY DAY
ROSE EMME
DOMINION DAY

Race No. 6 Laggards Handicap (Second Section): From The 1 1/2 Mile Post.
MIAMI BEAUTY
CONSTANT STAR
HONEY DEW

Race No. 7 Last Chance Handicap (Third Section): From The 1 1/2 Mile Post.
STRAIGHTNARARA
AIRFIELD
PEACOCK

Race No. 8 Laggards Handicap (Third Section): From The 1 1/2 Mile Post.
WINDERMERE
EPINARD
KWONG LEUNG

Race No. 9 Laggards Handicap (Fourth Section): From The 1 1/2 Mile Post.
SKYMASTER
BASHFUL BEAUTY
ARABIAN DAGGER

Race No. 10 Laggards Handicap (Fifth Section): From The 1 1/2 Mile Post.
MIAMI BEAUTY
CONSTANT STAR
HONEY DEW

Race No. 11 Laggards Handicap (Sixth Section): From The 1 1/2 Mile Post.
STRAIGHTNARARA
AIRFIELD
PEACOCK

Race No. 12 Laggards Handicap (Seventh Section): From The 1 1/2 Mile Post.
WINDERMERE
EPINARD
KWONG LEUNG

Army-Commando Clash Today's Rugger Tit-Bit

(By "J. T. STUD")

Today's matches mark the half-way line in the rugger tournament and providing the RAF don't cause an upset, the Club should face the coming year with a clear lead over the highly fancied Army XV.

The Commando-Army game appears to be today's tit-bit and the fact that these teams have not as yet met since the season commenced adds further interest to the struggle.

On paper the Army are undoubtedly the best fifteen in the Colony, but they can be shaken and if the Commandos blend a little more rugged knowledge into their robust style of play, the Army might be in for another shock.

The Causeway Bay ground is an advantage to the Marines who favour the close game. The Army disappointed following last week by holding a comparatively weak side and it is pleasing to note that today's selection is considerably stronger.

MacDonald has been replaced at full-back by Smyth and Spiller has been included at the expense of McNabb; this latter change comes as a surprise in view of McNabb's clever attack.

Major Wilson is still unfit and the Army are fortunate in possessing such capable replacement as Major Goldschmidt.

The Navy to date have disappointed their supporters and last Saturday's negative display does not augur well for a winning sequence.

True, the sailors tackled like men inspired, but at the same time failed to make any attempt to play open and at-

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League Soccer Programme For This Week-End

(By "ROVER")

League soccer comes into its own again this week-end with a full programme over matches in both Divisions of the League.

Of the four games on the programme this afternoon, the best should be that at Happy Valley, where St. Joseph's entertain the Club.

After a somewhat indifferent start, the Club have gradually improved with each passing week and there is every indication that they will be a force to be reckoned with before the end of the season.

The Saints were not at all impressive in their last appearance when they went down to Kowloon Motor Bus at Boundary Street. They will have to play a better type of football if they hope to beat the Club this afternoon.

South China will be visiting Boundary Street today for their game against Chinese Athletic and should win, provided they can reproduce the same form as that displayed by them in their Shield match against Kit Chee last week.

There is, however, one factor which might upset the South China players and that is the somewhat robust methods of certain Athletic defenders.

Eastern will be at home to the Commandos at Caroline Hill and should emerge winners from this encounter.

The Underdogs

The RAF will be the underdogs in their match against Army at Soekunpoo this afternoon. The soldiers are serving up a delightful refreshing type of football at the moment and should reap a harvest in goals, notwithstanding the brilliance of Richardson, the RAF custodian.

A fine game should be seen at Boundary Street tomorrow afternoon between Kowloon Motor Bus and Royal Navy.

Although one must, on the strength of recent performances, pick the buxom to win this game, the fine fighting qualities of the lads from the Navy always make their appearance on the field most interesting.

The sailors have a reputation for being the "dark horses" of the First Division and have proved, on more than one occasion, that they are capable of upsetting the most formidable of opponents.

The only other First Division game on the programme tomorrow will be played on the Club ground at Happy Valley between Kit Chee and Kwong Wah.

This game should end in an easy victory for Kit Chee unless they make the mistake of underestimating their opponents and field a scratch team.

Flimsy Excuse

The excuse put forward by certain Chinese players to explain away their absence at the Inter-Division, given by the Hong Kong Football Association to the Hong Kong Football Association, was brought up during the week by a correspondent signing himself "A Chinese Football Fan".

As the correspondent so rightly pointed out, the excuse was very flimsy and was tantamount to adding insult to injury.

It is really difficult to understand how the HKFA came to accept the excuse without comment and to treat the incident as a closed book.

If the players in question could not obtain the necessary leave to attend a dinner which did not last two hours, it might perhaps be pertinent to ask how these players have managed to obtain leave to take part in games in Macao games which have necessitated their absence from work for a minimum of three days.

It would appear that the HKFA is chary of taking any action against "star" players for they might refuse to take part in important games.

It was at one time thought that the HKFA, with the introduction of new blood, would assert itself and deal drastically with certain players who think that they and not the HKFA run football in this Colony.

the soldiers were put off by a bit of good-natured rozzing, which is part and parcel of this American pastime.

This tilt is likely to produce "rubbish" and the tussle will be handled by umpire-in-chief Mr. Robbins, Horrie Quen, and Bill Woo.

The Pakistan International Team will hold a practice session at the CBA Ground on Sunday at 10.00 a.m.

Jindoo Hussain has been elected Manager with Uly Boy Baker as field captain. Benny Omar, popular, third-seeker of the Saints and last year's MVP, will act in the capacity of vice-captain.

INTER-SERVICE RIFLE MEETING

The Inter-Service Rifle Meeting, which is the biggest meeting of the year starts at Stonecutters at 9 a.m. on Monday, December 19.

The Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Army, Royal Air Force and Hong Kong Police are competing and much enthusiasm has been shown. There are Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun events.

The G.O.C. in C. is presenting prizes on Friday, December 23, at about 4.15 p.m.

"Over 45's" And "Under 45's" Golf Match Tomorrow

The following are the starting times and contestants:

OVER 45's v UNDER 45's

Old Course

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